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

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| 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 referred to by the Corporate Director. | Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 18 November 2025 | Follow link here |
| 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 | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 18 November 2025 | Follow link here |
| 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 | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 18 November 2025 | Follow link here |
| 30 June 2025 | Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25 | The Committee requested an all Member Briefing be provided detailing the specialist hospital | Corporate Director – Education, Early | ACTIONED: Response | Follow link here |

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| | | provision for learners referred to above. | Years and Young People | circulated to Members of the Committee on 18 November 2025 | |
| 24 July 2025 | Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast 2025-26 | The Committee requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the terms of reference for the fleet services review report be circulated to Members; b. that the scope of the report should include the extent of the losses and the importance of the fleet services function; and c. the date by which the Committee could expect the report scheduled. | Interim Head of Operations – Community Services | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 October 2025 | Follow link here |
| 24 July 2025 | Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast 2025-26 | The Committee requested an update confirming when the exit terms of the recycling centre at Tythegston are likely to be finalised and the likely costs of any remediation works. | Corporate Director – Communities / Interim Head of Operations – Community Services | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 October 2025 | Follow link here |

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| 24 July 2025 | Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast 2025-26 | The Committee requested the most up to date figure of deficit balances for schools. | Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 October 2025 | Follow link here |
| 24 July 2025 | Quarter 4 / Year End Performance 2024-25 | The Committee requested comparative sickness data from other Welsh local authorities when available from Data Cymru. | Group Manager – Human Resources | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 October 2025 | Follow link here |
| 24 July 2025 | Quarter 4 / Year End Performance 2024-25 | The Committee expressed concern regarding the achievability of the 100% target for mandatory e-learning modules and requested an update demonstrating the change to the Performance Indicator for the upcoming year and how mandatory e-learning will be managed. In addition, the Committee requested that Members be kept informed of the movement from the old to the new model. | Chief Officer – Legal & Regulatory Services, HR and Electoral | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 October 2025 | Follow link here |

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| 24 July 2025 | Quarter 4 / Year End Performance 2024-25 | <p>In relation to the staff survey, the Committee requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a written briefing on the work being undertaken; b. confirmation of when the Committee could receive a full report on the topic; and c. data demonstrating any directorates/service areas where the response rate has been particularly low. | Chief Officer – Legal & Regulatory Services, HR and Electoral / Group Manager – Communications, Public Affairs & Policy | <p>ACTIONED:</p> <p>Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 October 2025</p> | Follow link here |
| 24 July 2025 | Self-Assessment 2024-25 | The Committee expressed concern regarding the Council’s ability to recruit to certain technical positions and recommended that a recruitment plan be developed exploring creative approaches and a sustainability plan for recruitment. | Corporate Director – Communities / Interim Head of Operations – Community Services | <p>ACTIONED:</p> <p>Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 October 2025</p> | Follow link here |
| 24 July 2025 | Digital Strategy | The Committee expressed concern regarding the relatively low number of responses received to the consultation and recommended that responses be sought from young people in schools, Bridgend College and Bridgend Youth Council. | Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change / Group Manager – Transformation, Business Support & | <p>ACTIONED:</p> <p>Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 October 2025</p> | Follow link here |

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| | | | Customer Services | | |
| 24 July 2025 | Digital Strategy | The Committee requested the number of Hwb devices apportioned per School and further detail of the investment in the replacement programme. | Interim Head of Operations – Community Services | Circulated for response. Chased. | |
| 24 July 2025 | Digital Strategy | The Committee requested that detail of broadband social tariffs for individuals on means tested benefits be circulated to Members to allow them to update residents accordingly. | Cabinet Member - Resources | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 22 October 2025 | Follow link here |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast | The Committee recommended that budget reduction proposals in future budget monitoring reports include more detailed narratives, in particular: a. Where budget reductions are RAG status green due to one-off grant funding and will remain underlying pressures in the next financial year (e.g. SSW13), these are clearly expressed; | Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 4 December 2025 | Follow link here |

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| | | <p>b. That one-off efficiency savings to meet shortfalls in savings are clearly identified; and</p> <p>c. That the risk and impact on individuals of budget reductions which are RAG status green such as EEYYP3 and 9 relating to a reduction in counselling services and staff in the additional learning needs team be reflected.</p> | | | |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast | Members discussed the impact on residents of fly tipping in their local area and the Committee recommended that consideration be given to reviewing the Council’s fly tipping enforcement arrangements and exploring the possible use of technology and CCTV to assist. | Corporate Director - Communities | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 4 December 2025 | Follow link here |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast | The Committee requested how many primary schools have a deficit budget greater than £50,000 and how many secondary schools have a deficit budget greater than £150,000. | Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 4 December 2025 | Follow link here |

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| 23 Oct 2025 | Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast | The Committee expressed concern regarding the number of schools projecting a deficit budget and the extent of the deficits and requested that Education and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (EYS OSC) consider requesting a report to monitor the situation. | Scrutiny/Chair of EYS OSC | ACTIONED: Referred to EYS OSC for consideration by the Committee. | Item added to Committee's Forward Work Programme for consideration. |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast | The Committee requested feedback from the upcoming meeting of the School Deficit Budget Management Group which has been established to consider best practice across schools and explore how some schools have managed to reduce their deficit be shared with Members of COSC and EYS OSC. | Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People | Circulated for response. Chased. | |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast | The Committee requested the number of community and parent governor vacancies at each Bridgend school. | Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People | Circulated for response. Chased. | |

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| 23 Oct 2025 | Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast | <p>In relation to the Prior Year Budget Reductions Carried Forward into 2025-26, the Committee requested an outcome confirming when:</p> <p>a. COM 2 (2021-22): the exit terms of the recycling centre at Tythegston are likely to be finalised;</p> <p>b. COM 2 (2023-24): the necessary order for charging blue badge holders for parking is likely to be complete; and</p> <p>c. COM 28 (2024-25): the terms of the lease of the former Woodmat Property, Brynmenyn Estate are likely to be finalised.</p> | Corporate Director - Communities | <p>ACTIONED:</p> <p>Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 4 December 2025</p> | Follow link here |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast | <p>In relation to the Budget Reduction Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29, the Committee requested:</p> <p>a. SSW 2: An update confirming when the feasibility study regarding possible seasonal usage of the Bowls Hall is likely to be finalised;</p> <p>b. COM 1: What alternative budgets have been identified if</p> | Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing | <p>ACTIONED:</p> <p>Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 4 December 2025</p> | Follow link here |

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| | | the reduction in staff mileage budgets cannot be achieved; and c. COM 11: An update and further narrative regarding the opportunities being sought regarding the commercial letting of Pandy Depot. | Corporate Director - Communities | | |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Arrangements for Commissioning Services | The Committee discussed the findings of the Audit Wales report and expressed concern about awaiting the National report before formulating a plan to address the recommendations in its Bridgend report. The Committee recommended that clarity be sought from Audit Wales on when the National Report is likely to be published and in the absence of an imminent response, that an exercise be undertaken to identify any themes arising from the other local authority Audit Wales Commissioning reports with an analysis of themes from comparable local authorities to be made the subject of internal audit to provide assurance that | Chief Executive / Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change | ACTIONED: Response circulated to Members of the Committee on 4 December 2025 | Follow link here |

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| | | the Authority has consistency and standardisation towards commissioning services. | | | |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Arrangements for Commissioning Services | The Committee requested a copy of internal audit plan 2025-26 which includes detail of the commissioning arrangements for services in the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate. | Group Manager, Commissioning | Circulated for response. Chased. | |
| 23 Oct 2025 | Forward Work Programme Update | The Committee requested that the following item be added to their Forward Work Programme: Corporate Arrangements for Commissioning Services (once the National report is available or internal thematic analysis report is complete). | 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 |