

Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2025-26 Forward Work Programme
and draft 2026-27 Forward Work Programme

Monday, 14 July 2025 at 4pm		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Community Asset Transfers	<p>Position Update</p> <p>Outcome of review recommended by SOSC 3 to be undertaken by the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Steering Group to assess and review the Council's current CAT programme, considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its impact • Success stories • Good practice researched from other Welsh local authorities • Reflection on lessons learned 	<p>Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment;</p> <p>Officers Corporate Director – Communities; Interim Head of Operations – Communities; and Community Asset Transfer Officer.</p>
Porthcawl Regeneration Masterplan	<p>Public Consultation Feedback from Feb/March 2025</p> <p>and</p> <p>Pre-Planning Consultation</p>	<p>Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing;</p> <p>Officers Corporate Director – Communities; Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration; and Porthcawl Regeneration Programme Manager.</p>

Monday, 29 September 2025 at 4pm		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What we did • Lessons Learned • Progress Update • How the system has changed • A look back and a look forward. <p>Detailed Financial Information including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds received by which groups/organisations • Their purpose 	<p>Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing;</p> <p>Officers Corporate Director – Communities; Interim Head of Operations – Communities; and Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much 	
Social Housing Allocation Policy	Pre-Decision	<p>Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing;</p> <p>Officers Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change; Strategic Housing Commissioning Manager; Housing Solutions Team Manager.</p>

Monday, 3 November 2025 at 4pm		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Net Zero Strategy Review	Pre-Decision	<p>Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment;</p> <p>Officers Corporate Director – Communities; Interim Head of Operations – Communities; Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability; Decarbonisation Programme Manager</p>
Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	Pre-Decision	<p>Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment;</p> <p>Officers Corporate Director – Communities; Interim Head of Operations – Communities; Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability.</p>

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Monday, 8 December 2025 at 4pm		
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Porthcawl Regeneration		<p>Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing;</p> <p>Officers Corporate Director – Communities; Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration; Porthcawl Regeneration Programme Manager.</p>

Monday, 23 February 2026 at 4pm		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
S.106 and Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Including: update on Audit Wales Report: Bridgend County Borough Council – Planning and Development Service; and the intended spend for S106 monies	<p>Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing;</p> <p>Officers Corporate Director – Communities; Group Manager – Planning and Development Services; Strategic Planning and Transport Manager.</p>
Pride in Place Impact Fund (PIPIF)		

Monday, 20 April 2026 at 4pm		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan & Regeneration	To include a walkaround before the meeting.	<p>Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing;</p> <p>Officers Corporate Director – Communities; Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration.</p>
Condition of the Highways and Status	Including: - Repairs and maintenance;	Cabinet Member

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of Road Resurfacing Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road resurfacing and potholes; - Network management of utilities; and - The development of internal metrics for repairs and closing referrals. 	<p>Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment;</p> <p>Officers</p> <p>Corporate Director – Communities; Interim Head of Operations – Communities; Group Manager – Highways and Green Spaces; Highways Network Manager.</p>
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Monday, 13 July 2026 at 4pm		
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Maesteg Town Hall TBC	<p>To include a walkaround before the meeting (week before the meeting).</p> <p>Lessons learned</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reasons for the overall project cost; - Detail of what led to the increased cost and challenges encountered; and - An appraisal of what could have changed or been done differently. 	<p>Cabinet Member</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing;</p> <p>Officers</p> <p>Corporate Director – Communities; Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration.</p>
Grand Pavilion TBC	<p>To include a walkaround before the meeting (subject to building works at that time).</p>	

Monday, 28 September 2026 at 4pm		
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Local Lettings Policy – Porthcawl	Joint report with Communities and Housing	<p>Cabinet Member</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing;</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</p>
Cemeteries Review TBC		<p>Officers</p> <p>Corporate Director – Communities;</p>

Monday, 2 November 2026 at 4pm		
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Fleet Services Review TBC		Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment; Officers Corporate Director – Communities;

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Briefings:

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Highway Infrastructure	Including: - Repairs, maintenance and prioritisation process.	Spring 2026 (Before 20 April 2026 Committee Meeting)
Future Waste Services		All Member Briefing pre-Council - July 2026
Corporate Joint Committees Regional Responsibilities		All Member Briefing Date to be confirmed
Revised Social Housing Allocation Policy	The changes especially in respect of the bands and how properties will be allocated.	All Member Briefing Date to be arranged in line with final adoption of Policy

Items to be Scheduled to the Committee's Forward Work Programme - To be discussed in next Scrutiny Forward Work Programme Planning Meeting

- Council's Preparedness to Respond to Storms and Adverse Weather, to include:
 - Preventative measures against foreseeable damage;
 - Impact of adverse weather and any fallout (e.g. loss of power) on vulnerable residents;
 - Invitees from Communities and Social Services; and
 - Information shared during internal and Local Resilience Forum debrief sessions held following Storm Darragh and any other inclement weather events.
- Water quality and pollution and the capacity of the Penybont Wastewater Treatment Works to include plans to meet future demand from significant increases in the number of properties planned from a number of new developments and that Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales be invited to attend.
- Street / Utility work including charges

- Car Parking Charging Review, to include:
 - Outcome of the review;
 - Free parking offers; and
 - The difference in revenue between the free parking period and a full charging model
- Housing (with Registered Social Landlord Invitees)
- A report on the CAT Programme to be added to the Forward Work Programme in 12-18 months to evaluate progress, including an update on the recommendations of an internal audit which took place in April 2025, set out in paragraph 2.1.6 of the report.
- Final UKSPF monitoring report, including a complete analysis of the successes and the lessons learned for future projects and to include:
 - details of how the public, businesses and community organisations were informed and supported to make full use of available funding, including how the Bridgend County Prosperity Co-Production Framework had informed decision-making about the UKSPF.
 - detailed information regarding the feasibility studies funded by the UKSPF and how many have or will become viable projects.
 - detailed evaluation of the sustainability of jobs created across the three themes as a result of UKSPF funding, to include the monitoring processes and the support offered by BCBC; and
 - detailed information about the impact the cut in funding during the transition year had on projects in the community

Information reports to be provided

Audit Wales 'Springing Forward Asset Management Inspection Report' – including associated Action Plan.

Referral from Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 11 December 2025

The Committee discussed the Corporate Complaints report presented to the previous meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee (GAC) on 27 November 2025 where concerns were raised regarding the number of complaints regarding waste contract, the majority of which were upheld. The Committee were given some reassurance by the Corporate Director and advised that GAC have requested further information but requested that the issue be referred to the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information in the meantime.