

Meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

11 December 2025

Responses to Recommendations / Additional Information Requested

	Recommendations / Information Requested:	Response:	Accepted / Partially Accepted / Not Accepted:
Corporate Performance Quarter 2 2025-26			
Recommendations			
1	The Committee recommended that consideration be given to the establishment of a Transformation and Change Working Group and that regular updates be provided to the Committee but that there be a separation of powers between the Group and the Committee to allow clear scrutiny of the process.	Awaited	
2	With reference to Commitment WBO1.2.1 relating to woodland enhancement, the Committee discussed large parcels of common land in the County Borough and pieces of land transferred from the Coal Board and recommended that: a. there be greater collaboration with groups such as the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators who manage them and that	A. Agreed that greater collaboration with groups who manage woodlands outside of the LA would be undertaken and funding routes/ grants investigated. B. Agreed this will be considered.	

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	<p>consideration be given to whether there are any external funding routes that can be utilised to assist them; and b. consideration be given to including the in this performance indicator, the performance of any pieces of land which have been transferred from the Coal Board into the Council's ownership.</p>		
3	<p>Members expressed concern regarding capital projects such as Porthcawl Grand Pavilion and school modernisations that are both overspent and delayed but one is ranked green while the others are red and amber. The Committee were advised that there are different milestones attached to individual capital projects which appeared to present an inconsistent approach to the reporting of performance of capital projects and recommended that consideration be given to consistent methods being used</p>	<p>Consistent methods for assessing the performance of these projects are set out in the council's performance framework. Performance champions and project leads will be reminded of these requirements and examples of good narratives provided.</p>	Accepted

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	to assess the performance and detail provided in the narrative.		
4	The Committee recommended that the heading, ' <i>WBO3.4: Modernise school buildings</i> ' in the Performance Dashboard be amended to reflect that the capital projects sitting beneath it relate to new buildings or extensions.	These headings and commitments are as worded in the corporate delivery plan 2025-2026, as agreed by Council and cannot be amended at this point. They will be reviewed in preparation for the corporate delivery plan 2026-2027.	
5	The Committee expressed significant concern regarding the 10% year-end target for the percentage of care leavers who have experienced homelessness during the year and recommended that it be set at 0%.	It is agreed that no care leaver should experience homelessness. It is helpful to have an aspirational target and to hold all parts of the Council, not just SSWB for its attainment. In particular, this requires action by housing which sits under the chief executive's directorate, in order to work as One Council to prioritise care leavers for accommodation.	Accepted
6	The Committee discussed areas of performance which are reliant on volatile/unpredictable data such as the number of pupils awaiting specialist provision and numbers of Care Experienced Children which changes frequently and the timeliness of reporting performance. The Committee recommended that consideration be given to how	This consideration will be included in CPDP development in March / April 2026	Accepted

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	live data can best be accessed and analysed to provide Members with the latest position.		
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7	The Committee discussed the responses provided to their Recommendations 1 and 2 made at their previous meeting on 23 October 2023 and requested a written note explaining the reasons why they had only been partially accepted given the responses provided.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having reviewed the response from October 2023, the recommendations are accepted. 2. The recommendation was partially accepted as Officers are currently exploring a range of options for enforcement across a number of Council Services, including Fly-Tipping, Littering, Dog Waste and will be bringing options back to the Cabinet in the New Year. At this stage this does not include the use of CCTV. However, this could be explored as part of the digital technology transformation board. 	
8	The Committee expressed concern regarding the performance against WBO2.1.4 relating to the handling of corporate complaints and that delays or failure to receive requested information from service areas appeared to be impacting on the ability to respond to complaints in a timely manner and requested a corporate response from the	Awaited	

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	Chief Executive explaining how this will be addressed.		
9	The Committee requested the percentage of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children in the percentage of Care Experienced Children who had experienced homelessness (CH/052).	There were 10 care leavers who experienced homelessness between 01/04/2025 and 30/09/2025, of which 2 were UASC (20%). This was out of a total of 126 category 2,3 & 4 care leavers	
10	The Committee requested the National Evaluation relating to the Basic Income for Care Leavers in Wales Pilot.	Please see the link to the second Basic Income Pilot annual report https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/statistics-and-research/2025-03/basic-income-for-care-leavers-in-wales-pilot-evaluation-second-annual-report-2024-to-2025_0.pdf	Accepted
11	The Committee expressed concern regarding the time taken to deliver Disabled Facilities Grants and requested : a. that consideration be given to including median data instead of an average which was presenting an inflated figure skewed by legacy cases; and b. a presentation on the process being used, prioritisation and spend.	The change in the reporting of the data will be considered for the Q3 data. An all Member briefing to outline the issues in b. is being planned.	Accepted
12	The Committee discussed the Corporate Complaints report	Referral made to CEH OSC to be reported at their next meeting.	

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	<p>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.</p>		
Recommendations from Scrutiny Budget Working Group			
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13	The Committee made recommendations.	Sent to Cabinet on 16 December 2025 for response.	