

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

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Response</b>
24 July 2025	<b>Digital Strategy</b>	The Committee <b>requested</b> the number of Hwb devices apportioned per School and further detail of the investment in the replacement programme.	Interim Head of Operations – Community Services	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
23 Oct 2025	<b>Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast</b>	The Committee <b>requested</b> 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	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
23 Oct 2025	<b>Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast</b>	The Committee <b>requested</b> the number of community and parent governor vacancies at each Bridgend school.	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
23 Oct 2025	<b>Arrangements for Commissioning Services</b>	The Committee <b>requested</b> a copy of internal audit plan 2025-26 which includes detail of the commissioning arrangements for services in the Social	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>

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		Services and Wellbeing Directorate.			
11 Dec 2025	<b>Corporate Performance Quarter 2 2025-26</b>	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.	Chief Executive / Chief Officer – Legal and Regulatory, HR and Corporate Policy	Circulated for response. Chased.	
11 Dec 2025	<b>Corporate Performance Quarter 2 2025-26</b>	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 <b>recommended</b> that:  a. there be greater collaboration with groups such as the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators who manage them and that consideration be given to whether there are any external funding routes that can be utilised to assist them; and	Corporate Director - Communities	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 26 January 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>

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		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.			
11 Dec 2025	<b>Corporate Performance Quarter 2 2025-26</b>	The Committee discussed the responses provided to their Recommendations 1 and 2 made at their previous meeting on 23 October 2023 and <b>requested</b> a written note explaining the reasons why they had only been partially accepted given the responses provided.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change and Corporate Director - Communities	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 26 January 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
11 Dec 2025	<b>Corporate Performance Quarter 2 2025-26</b>	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 <b>requested</b> a corporate response from the Chief Executive explaining how this will be addressed.	Chief Executive	Circulated for response. Chased.	

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11 Dec 2025	<b>Corporate Performance Quarter 2 2025-26</b>	The Committee expressed concern regarding the time taken to deliver Disabled Facilities Grants and <b>requested:</b> 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.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 26 January 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
11 Dec 2025	<b>Recommendations from Scrutiny Budget Working Group</b>	The Committee made recommendations and requested additional information.	Scrutiny / Chair of COSC	<b>ACTIONED</b> - Recommendations formally reported to Cabinet on 16 December 2025 for consideration and response.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-2030</b>	The Committee made recommendations.	Scrutiny / Chair of COSC	<b>ACTIONED</b> - Recommendations formally reported to Cabinet on 3 February 2026 for consideration and response.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Medium Term Financial</b>	The Committee discussed the Council’s Policy for second-	Chief Officer - Finance,	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>

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	<b>Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-2030</b>	<p>home Council Tax charges and <b>requested:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the comparative information from other Local Authorities regarding their level of charges;</li> <li>b. whether they have reduced their rates;</li> <li>c. the impact on the number of second homes in their local authority area; and</li> <li>d. the impact that the increase in Bridgend's charges has achieved.</li> </ul>	Housing and Change	information circulated on 9 March 2026.	
27 Jan 2026	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-2030</b>	The Committee <b>requested</b> information regarding the projected cost of electric, gas and water for schools in the upcoming financial year and how it is envisaged that this will impact on schools' budgets.	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People / Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-2030</b>	The Committee referred to the announcement from Welsh Government in December regarding a further £8.2m funding this year for ALN and <b>requested</b> the quantum of that	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People / Chief Officer –	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>

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		funding allocated for Bridgend, when the funding was expected to be received and whether further grant funding was expected in year which could be offset against the recurring Budget Pressure.	Finance, Housing and Change		
27 Jan 2026	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-2030</b>	The Committee referred to EDNEW 2, School Improvement, in the Emerging Directorate Pressures of £225k and that there was previously a £500k contribution towards Central South Consortium and <b>requested</b> that when the funding for disaggregating from the service is finalised, details of whether the difference has resulted in a revenue saving.	Education, Early Years and Young People / Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-2030</b>	The Committee referred to <i>SCHNEW 1, Building Maintenance</i> and the recent announcement from Welsh Government regarding an additional £20m funding for school maintenance and <b>requested</b> the quantum of that funding allocated for Bridgend, when the funding was expected to be received and the impact	Education, Early Years and Young People / Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>

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		on this Emerging Directorate Budget Pressure.			
27 Jan 2026	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-2030</b>	The Committee referred to SSW 1 in the Emerging Directorate Pressures and <b>requested</b> a breakdown of the shortfall on Homes 1, 2 and three months of Home 3.	Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-2030</b>	The Committee referred to <i>NEW 3, Sports Development</i> , in the Additional Final Settlement Budget Pressures and <b>requested</b> a breakdown of how much will be available for the Community Chest sports fund for match funding for Clubs, Community grants and awards.	Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-2030</b>	Members referred to COM 2 – Emerging Directorate Pressures and <i>NEW 6, Transport</i> , in the Additional Final Settlement Budget Pressures which both relate to the pilot schemes for new bus routes and the Committee <b>requested</b> details of the new proposed routes and the likely costs of the proposed schemes.	Corporate Director – Communities / Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>

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27 Jan 2026	<b>Capital Strategy 2026-27</b>	The Committee discussed the accuracy and timeliness of data in the Quarterly Capital Programme reports to Council and <b>recommended</b> that consideration be given to the use and inclusion of real time data and the timeliness of reporting. In particular, that any approved key projects, delays or additional spend on projects are included.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Capital Strategy 2026-27</b>	The Committee <b>recommended</b> that visual infographics are included, e.g. flowcharts, diagrams, etc. demonstrating how projects are instigated, the approvals process for a project to be accepted for the Capital Programme and how return on investment or the revenue impact of a project is assessed.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Capital Strategy 2026-27</b>	The Committee expressed concern regarding foreseeable delays or slippage in the delivery of Capital Programmes and <b>recommended</b> that all projects receive robust sign-off and that project management is standardised across all projects	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>

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		and programmes to ensure the correct escalation points take place at the right times.			
27 Jan 2026	<b>Capital Strategy 2026-27</b>	The Committee referred to Cabinet’s response to Recommendation 3 from the Scrutiny Budget Working Group which was accepted but the narrative response did not indicate any further action would be taken and <b>recommended</b> that as part of the proposed transformation growth, consideration be given to how Capital Programmes in other Local Authorities and organisations are managed to explore best practice and to evaluate, inform and improve Bridgend’s approach.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Capital Strategy 2026-27</b>	The Committee <b>requested</b> how much of the total of the Capital Programme of £303m, is allocated to the achievement of the Net Zero 2030 Commitment.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated on 9 March 2026.	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>
27 Jan 2026	<b>Capital Strategy 2026-27</b>	The Committee <b>requested</b> sight of the risk registers and other illustrative examples of risk	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information	Follow link <a href="#">here</a>

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		management of Capital Projects.		circulated on 9 March 2026.	
27 Jan 2026	<b>Forward Work Programme Update</b>	<p>The Committee requested that the following items be added to their Forward Work Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Council's Preparedness to Respond to Storms and Adverse Weather to include the Council's Strategy regarding Flood Response and Prevention; and</li><li>b. Quarterly Updates from the Transformation Programme Board once established.</li></ul>	Scrutiny / Chair of Committee	Scrutiny to action in Work Planning Meetings with the Chair and Corporate Director. Item added to the Committee's Forward Work Programme.	Item added to 'Reports to be Scheduled' part of the Committee's Forward Work Programme.