

**Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2025-2026**

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29 Sep 2025	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	<p>Members discussed the Council’s approach set out in the Local Investment Plan, to the United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), which had emphasised three themes - Communities and Place, Supporting Local Business, and People and Skills. Whilst the Committee acknowledged that a lot of different projects across the County Borough had been funded, it was also expressed that the approach lacked a guiding thread, a clear and transparent account of how projects had been prioritised, and how the success and value of them were being measured. The Committee therefore recommended that the approach to future UKSPF successor funding projects should proactively and clearly set out the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The guiding strategic aims.b. Establish what the project is about and what it should deliver.	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .

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		<p>c. The agreed objectives, targets and outputs.</p> <p>d. The criteria for awarding grants.</p> <p>e. The measures of success and value to be monitored.</p> <p>f. The approach to contingency planning.</p>			
29 Sep 2025	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	<p>The Committee requested that a final UKSPF monitoring report, including a complete analysis of the successes and the lessons learned for future projects for consideration by the Committee as soon as feasible and to include:</p> <p>a. 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.</p> <p>b. detailed information regarding the feasibility studies funded by the UKSPF and how many have or will become viable projects.</p>	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .

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		<p>c. 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</p> <p>d. detailed information about the impact the cut in funding during the transition year had on projects in the community.</p>			
29 Sep 2025	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	<p>The Committee noted that there was a lack of clarity about what the successor to UKSPF would be like and how it would work and requested that once known, Members receive information about it, including details of the proposals to engage with communities through the Council’s partnership structures about the criteria for applying for funding.</p>	<p>Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability</p>	<p>ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.</p>	<p>Follow link here.</p>
29 Sep 2025	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	<p>The Committee requested more information about the assistance that could be provided to organisations to apply for alternative sources of funding, once UKSPF funding comes to an end.</p>	<p>Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural</p>	<p>ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.</p>	<p>Follow link here.</p>

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			Resources & Sustainability		
29 Sep 2025	Social Housing Allocation Policy	<p>The Committee expressed concern that there were approximately 3300 people on the housing register and there was an urgent need to address the fundamental mismatch between the demand for and the supply of available housing, particularly social housing, in the County Borough. The Committee therefore recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Communities ‘deep dive’, consider potential ideas to address the shortfall in the supply of housing, and; b. That the Strategy and Action Plans be updated setting out the steps being taken to urgently address this position. 	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change/ Strategic Housing Commissioning Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
29 Sep 2025	Social Housing Allocation Policy	The Committee requested that an All-Member Briefing session be provided regarding the revised Social Housing Allocation Policy and how it will change, especially in respect of the bandings and how properties will be allocated.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change/ Strategic Housing Commissioning Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .

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29 Sep 2025	Social Housing Allocation Policy	The Committee requested additional information regarding the impact of the Welsh Government's Nation of Sanctuary Plan on the draft Social Housing Allocation Policy.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change/ Strategic Housing Commissioning Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
29 Sep 2025	Social Housing Allocation Policy	The Committee requested additional information about both the statutory and non-statutory review processes, including the number, the outcomes, and the steps taken to ensure fairness and the consistent application of policy.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change/ Strategic Housing Commissioning Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
3 Nov 2025	Net Zero Strategy	The Committee discussed that 71% of the Council's emissions came from the supply chain and recommended that consideration be given to additional resource being allocated to seeking technical expertise to develop a low carbon and local supply chain.	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability/ Decarbonisation Programme Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
3 Nov 2025	Net Zero Strategy	The Committee expressed concern regarding the unlikelihood of meeting the 2030 Net Zero target given the funding for the identified	Scrutiny/ Chair	ACTIONED – Reported to Cabinet 3 February 2026,	Follow link here

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		cost of £109 Million for implementation that would be needed and recommended that Cabinet reconsider its commitment to the 2030 target, request the Welsh Government (WG) to review their target for Net Zero and provide guidance on how to proceed.			
3 Nov 2025	Net Zero Strategy	The Committee expressed concern about the consultation questionnaire in Appendix 3, in particular that the first question provided responders with the option to ‘Strongly Disagree’ or ‘Disagree’ and recommended that it be reworded and that a question regarding the level of understanding and awareness of Net Zero in the wider community be included.	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability/ Decarbonisation Programme Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
3 Nov 2025	Net Zero Strategy	The Committee requested a copy of any correspondence with WLGA or WG in respect of the following recommendations from its 7 April 2025 meeting: <i>“The Committee discussed the challenges of the Authority achieving Net Zero Carbon 2030 and recommended that</i>	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability/ Decarbonisation Programme Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .

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		<i>consideration be given to approaching the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) to seek clarity as to the current status of strategies to reach net zero by 2030 in the other Welsh local authorities, following which, if other Welsh local authorities are experiencing similar challenges, the Committee further recommended that a follow-up request be made to ask the WLGA to make the Welsh Government aware of the situation and consider extending its net zero carbon strategy from 2030 to align it with that of the UK Government, to reach net zero by 2050.”</i>			
3 Nov 2025	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	The Committee discussed the disparity between the availability, capacity and speed of electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Bridgend supermarkets compared to the town centre and recommended that the strategy, which is to be developed following the consultation, focusses on the need to install affordable EV chargers with greater charging capacity in the town centre, and	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability/ Climate Change Response Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .

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		especially in Rhiw car park, as a matter of urgency.			
3 Nov 2025	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	<p>The Committee recommended that consideration be given to exploring the feasibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. of developing large-scale EV charging stations to be located on industrial estates; andb. the commercial viability of developing a commercial service to provide EV chargers of our own, possibly involving a third-party supplier which could be a source of revenue for the Local Authority.	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability/ Climate Change Response Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
3 Nov 2025	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	<p>The Committee recommended that energy providers are consulted to understand the potential challenges with grid capacity across the Borough if there is a substantial increase in the number of EV chargers, in homes, businesses, town centres and industrial estates.</p>	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability/ Climate Change Response Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .

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3 Nov 2025	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	<p>The Committee recommended that the consultation needed to address a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The demand for and affordability of electric cars across communities. This could provide valuable data to inform priorities for the roll out of infrastructure as part of a future EV strategy. - The need to consult schools directly across the Borough on the possible use of schools as locations for EV chargers. - The questionnaire needed to provide respondents with an opportunity to supply basic location data (e.g. postcode) to help inform the development of the EV strategy, and especially the potential challenges of rolling out EV charging capacity across the County Borough. 	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability/ Climate Change Response Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
3 Nov 2025	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	The Committee requested the number and capacity of EV charging points in supermarkets in the Borough.	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager –	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .

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			Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability/ Climate Change Response Manager		
3 Nov 25	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	The Committee queried whether reference to the development of EV infrastructure as part of Section 106 of residential developments in the Local Development Plan is a requirement or a request and requested details regarding the powers available to the Local Authority to ensure the efficient installation of EV charging infrastructure in future.	Corporate Director – Communities/ Interim Head of Operations - Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability/ Climate Change Response Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
8 Dec 2025	Porthcawl Regeneration	The Committee expressed concern regarding the sufficiency of GPs and capacity of the Medical Centre to meet increased demand for the provision of health care in Porthcawl following the projected increase to the numbers of residential properties from the proposed development, and recommended that a letter be sent from the Committee to Cwm Taf Morgannwg	Scrutiny	ACTIONED – Response and information circulated on 8 June 2026.	Follow link here .

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		University Health Board setting out these concerns and the need for close collaboration, communication, and partnership between the Welsh Government, the Council and Health Board, to ensure the smooth delivery of sufficient medical service provision in Porthcawl.			
8 Dec 2025	Porthcawl Regeneration	The Committee requested that the presentation made by the Corporate Director – Communities at the start of the meeting be circulated to Members of the Committee.	Corporate Director – Communities/ Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration/ Porthcawl Regeneration Programme Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
8 Dec 2025	Porthcawl Regeneration	The Committee requested that details of the traffic modelling report associated with the development be circulated to Members of the Committee.	Corporate Director – Communities/ Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration/ Porthcawl Regeneration Programme Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .
8 Dec 2025	Porthcawl Regeneration	The Committee discussed clarity regarding the legal status of Griffin Park and requested that the Corporate Director – Communities prepare a written paper for Members including details of	Corporate Director – Communities/ Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration/ Porthcawl	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .

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		charitable status and any historic covenants associated with that land together with a link to the report and decision of the Call-In of the Cabinet Decision: Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration: Appropriation of Land at Griffin Park and Sandy Bay, which was considered by Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 on 3 November 2022.	Regeneration Programme Manager		
8 Dec 2025	Porthcawl Regeneration	Given the potential future report to Cabinet upon upfront financing of the public realm works of the development, the Committee requested that it include a range of possible options in addition to borrowing and requested the opportunity to consider the report for pre-decision or to receive a Member Briefing beforehand.	Corporate Director – Communities/ Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration/ Porthcawl Regeneration Programme Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated on 16 February 2026.	Follow link here .