

Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Draft 2026-27 Forward Work Programme

Monday, 15 June 2026 at 4pm		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Bathing Water Quality Issues and Impacts of the River Ogmore	Representatives from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales to be invited.	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Leader of the Council; Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation; Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment.</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services</p> <p><u>External</u> Operational Manager - Enterprise and Specialist Services (SRS); Representatives from Natural Resources Wales and Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water. Representative from A Peace for Nature</p>
Audit Wales Report – Bridgend County Borough Council Planning and Development Service	Update on Recommendations	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Public Realm; Group Manager Planning and Development Services.</p>

Monday, 13 July 2026 at 4pm		
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Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan & Regeneration		<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing;</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Public Realm; Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration.</p>
Condition of the Highways and Status of Road Resurfacing Programme	Update on progress and budget: - Repairs and maintenance; - Road resurfacing and potholes; - Network management of utilities; and	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment;</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Communities;</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The development of internal metrics for repairs and closing referrals. - To include information on the new Hotbox Teams, number of potholes filled and investment. 	Head of Operations – Communities; Group Manager – Highways and Infrastructure; Highways Network Manager.
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Monday, 12 October 2026 at 4pm

Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Maesteg Town Hall TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact and outcomes - Outcome of survey re: use of venue <p>To include a walkaround the week before the meeting.</p> <p>Lessons learned to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reasons for the overall project cost; - Details of the challenges encountered that led to increased costs (within the overall envelope); and - An appraisal of what could have changed or been done differently. 	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing;</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Public Realm; Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration.</p> <p><u>External</u> Representatives from Awen</p>
Grand Pavillion TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Update <p>To include a walkaround the week before the meeting .</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing;</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Public Realm; Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration.</p>

Monday, 7 December 2026 at 4pm

Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Local Lettings Policy – Porthcawl	Housing	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing;</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing;</p>

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		Group Manager – Housing and Homelessness Services.
Fleet Services Review	Pre-Decision	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment; <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director - Communities; Head of Operations - Communities; Group Manager - Highways and Infrastructure.

Monday, 15 February 2027 at 4pm

Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
TBC		<u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment; <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director - Communities; Head of Operations - Communities; Group Manager - Highways and Infrastructure.

Monday, 15 March 2027 at 4pm

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TBC		<u>Cabinet Member</u> <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Communities;

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

- Cemeteries Review (June 2027)
- 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:

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- 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

Briefings:

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Highway Infrastructure	Including: - Repairs, maintenance and prioritisation process.	20 April 2026 and 24 June 2026
Future Waste Services	<i>And see also Referral from COSC / GAC below *</i>	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

***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. Potentially if Members wish this could be included in the Briefing on future waste services.