

CABINET - TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2026

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2026 AT 14:30

Present Virtually

Councillor John Spanswick – Chairperson

GC Haines
M J Evans

C Davies
M Jones

J Gebbie

E L P Caparros

Officers:

Jake Morgan
Kelly Watson
Janine Nightingale
Lindsay Harvey
Claire Marchant
Carys Lord
Darren Jones
Gayle Shenton
Michael Pitman
Oscar Roberts

Chief Executive
Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services
Corporate Director – Communities
Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People
Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing
Corporate Director – Finance and Transformation
Group Manager – School Improvement
Head of Learning
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Democratic Services Officer - Committees

650. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hywel Williams and Councillor Martyn Jones.
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651. Declarations of interest

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Decision Made	The following declarations of interest were received:- Councillor Jane Gebbie declared a personal interest in item 9, as she is an LEA governor for Mynydd Cynffig Primary School. Councillor Martyn Jones declared a personal interest in item 6, as he is an LEA governor in the Garw Valley Federation.
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652. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of a meeting of Cabinet dated 23/06/2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.
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653. Provision of General Supported Living Services

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing, was to highlight the current and proposed future arrangements for Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) commissioned General Supported Living Services and to seek Cabinet's approval to commence the tender for the recommissioning of General Supported Living Services across Bridgend County Borough. Members posed questions on: • Whether the current focus can be sustained given potential future challenges. • Grants that support funding within the service. These questions were addressed by the Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing and the Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing.
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	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet approved the recommissioning of a 'General Supported Living Service' as outlined in this report.
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654. Outcomes of Estyn Inspections of Schools in Bridgend From Summer Term 2025 to the End of Spring Term 2026

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People, was to inform Cabinet of the outcomes of the Estyn core inspection visits from summer term 2025 to the end of spring term 2026 for the following schools (in order of inspection date): Ysgol y Ferch o'r Sgêr; Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon y Cymoedd; Litchard Primary School; Tremains Primary School; Llangynwyd Primary School; Tynyrheol Primary School; Ysgol Bryn Castell; Ysgol Cynwyd Sant; Penybont Primary School; and Cynffig Comprehensive School. The report also informed Cabinet of the outcomes of the Estyn interim visits from summer term 2025 to summer term 2026, as well as information on Estyn's follow-up visits to Blaengarw Primary School and Bryncethin Primary School, and their removal from Estyn follow-up categories. Members posed questions on: • The effect of high Estyn inspection rates on education provision. • Plans in place to support improvements in attendance and engagement. • Additional Learning Need measures within one of the schools mentioned in the report and details on outcomes from those measures. These questions were addressed by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People, the Group Manager – School Improvement and the Head of Learning. Cabinet and officers present thanked the Headteachers, schools and teams involved in the report. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet noted the content of the report.
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655. Federation of Tynyrheol Primary School and the Garw Valley Federation

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People, was to support the governing bodies of the Garw Valley Federation and Tynyrheol Primary School in progressing a joint proposal to establish a formal federation, to be known as the Garw Valley Federation, with effect from 1 September 2026. Members posed questions on: • Other potential uses for this model. • The benefits and costs of this model. These questions were addressed by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People and the Group Manager – School Improvement. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet noted the proposal progressed by the governing bodies under the statutory federation process.
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656. Budget Monitoring 2026-27 – Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Corporate Director – Finance and Transformation, was to provide Cabinet with an update on the Council’s revenue financial position as at 30th June 2026. Members posed a question on the reasons behind a large increase in Older People Homecare. This question was addressed by the Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet noted the projected revenue position for 2026-27.
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657. Treasury Management Outturn Report 2025-26

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Corporate Director – Finance and Transformation, was to comply with the requirement of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA's) Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice' (the TM Code) to report an overview of treasury activities for the preceding financial year, as well as to report the actual Treasury Management Indicators for 2025-26. Members posed questions on: • BCBC's reliability as an investment. • Potential opportunities to utilise further investments to make improvements in the County Borough. These questions were addressed by the Corporate Director – Finance and Transformation, who agreed to provide further information on BCBC's investment reliability outside of the meeting. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: 1. Noted the treasury management activities for the 2025-26 financial year. 2. Noted the Treasury Management Indicators for the period year ending 31 March 2026 against those approved in the Treasury Management Strategy 2025-26.
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658. Capital Programme Outturn 2025-26 and Quarter 1 Update 2026-27

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation, was to: 1. Comply with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) 'The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities' requirement to report performance against all forward
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	looking indicators on a quarterly basis. 2. Provide an update to Cabinet on the capital programme outturn for 2025-26 (Appendix A to the report). 3. Provide an update to Cabinet on the capital programme position for 2026-27 as at 30 June 2026 (Appendix B to the report). 4. Seek agreement from Cabinet to delegate authority to the Director of Communities, in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory & Electoral Services and the Corporate Director – Finance and Transformation, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to finalise the programme and delivery mechanisms of the Community Impact Fund. 5. Seek agreement from Cabinet to present a report to Council for approval of a revised capital programme for 2026-27 to 2035-36 (Appendix C to the report). 6. Ask Cabinet to note the actual Prudential and Other Indicators for 2025-26 and the projected Prudential and Other Indicators for 2026-27 (Appendix D to the report). Members posed a question on the details for funds earmarked for an unviable initiative. This question was addressed by the Corporate Director – Finance and Transformation. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: 1. noted the Council's Capital Programme Outturn for 2025-26 (Appendix A to the report). 2. noted the Council's Capital Programme 2026-27 Quarter 1 update to 30 June 2026 (Appendix B to the report) 3. agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Communities, in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory & Electoral Services and the Corporate Director – Finance and Transformation, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to finalise the programme and delivery mechanisms of the Community Impact Fund, subject to Council approval of the fund to the Capital Programme.
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	4. agreed that the revised Capital Programme (Appendix C to the report) be submitted to Council for approval. 5. noted the actual Prudential and Other Indicators for 2025-26 and the projected indicators for 2026-27 (Appendix D to the report).
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659. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no urgent items.
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660. Exclusion of the Public

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> The following item is not for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and/or 16 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007. Following the application of the public interest test, Cabinet resolved pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, with the public being excluded from the meeting during such consideration.
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661. Healthy Living Partnership – Agency Model

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing, was to set out the reasons for the proposed variation to the Healthy Living Partnership Agreement between Bridgend County Borough Council and Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) /HALO Leisure to operate as an agent rather than as principal, together with the anticipated financial benefits that will accrue and to seek Cabinet approval for the proposal. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: 1. Approved, in principle, the variation of the Healthy Living Partnership Agreement to enable Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL)/HALO Leisure to operate as the Council's agent rather than as principal for the remainder of the contract term. 2. Noted that the implementation of the Agency Model is anticipated to generate recurring revenue savings from 2027-28 onwards and supports delivery of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy. 3. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance and Transformation, Chief Officer - Legal, Regulatory & Electoral Services and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing, to undertake the detailed legal, financial, VAT and procurement work required to implement the Agency Model 4. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance and Transformation, Chief Officer - Legal, Regulatory & Electoral Services and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing, to consider the detailed legal, procurement, VAT and financial advice and to progress the preferred implementation option, subject to being satisfied that
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	an appropriate and legally compliant route has been identified. 5. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance and Transformation, Chief Officer - Legal, Regulatory & Electoral Services and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing, to enter into a variation agreement with GLL/Halo and any further deeds and documents necessary to effect the Agency Model.
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 15:32.