

Bridgend County Borough Council –Recommendations Made pre 2026/27 (not implemented)

Audit	Final Report Date	Recommendation	Category	Agreed Action	Agreed Date	Current Position	Responsible Officer
Home To Work Mileage in Council Vehicles <i>Reasonable Opinion</i>	27/01/23	A corporate policy is developed in relation to the use of Council vehicles	Medium	Agreed that a Corporate Policy is to be developed on the use of corporate vehicles. This task will require support from Human Resources, Fleet Services as well as the representative departments of BCBC. The process will involve research, drafting, sign off, consultation and approval. As such any timescale is speculative but could be deliverable in 7 months	30/09/23 <u>Revised</u> 31/03/24 31/03/25 31/07/25 31/08/26 31/12/26	<u>Update August 2026</u> A Drivers Policy has been drafted and is going to Trade Unions in September for comment prior to sign off.	Head of Public Realm
Procurement <i>Limited Opinion</i>	11/06/24	The Council implements a system to easily identify supplier spend for which there is no established contract between the Council and the supplier.	Medium	Procurement and finance have been looking into this and agree that a system is necessary. It has been identified that the finance system has the capabilities but would need the host of the system to provide advice on the functionalities, this would be at a cost of £2,000.	30/07/24 <u>Revised</u> 31/07/25 30/04/26 30/09/26	<u>Update May 2026</u> Contact being made with the provider to secure consultant time. Resources and other pressures within the service have made this difficult to progress to date.	Group Manager, Chief Accountant / Corporate Procurement Manager
Business Continuity Planning <i>Limited Opinion</i>	28/01/25	The Corporate Business Continuity Plan is reviewed, updated and made available.	Medium	Agree, however this piece of work is dependant on receipt of completed BCPs from departments across the business.	31/12/25 <u>Revised</u> 30/09/26	<u>Update July 2026</u> External consultants are to complete a 'Health Check' on all Emergency Planning, Business Continuity Management and Protective Security work across the council. The target completion date for this review and production of the resulting report is	Emergency Planning Manager

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						August 2026. Following this an Action Plan will be produced for delivery over the next 2 year covering everything from structures, governance, policies, procedures, training, exercising etc.	
Agency Staff <i>Reasonable Opinion</i>	10/03/25	If suitable candidates are not available via the main agency contract, action needs to be taken so that other agency providers are procured and contracted in compliance to the Contract Procedure Rules, this applies across the Council but in particular to agency providers used within the Social Services & Wellbeing directorate.	High	With the support of the Group Manager – HR&OD ensure that agency providers are procured and contracted in compliance to the Contract Procedure Rules. Once completed, the Group Manager – HR&OD will look to take this forward in other specialist areas.	30/09/25 <u>Revised</u> 30/11/25 31/01/26 31/10/26	<u>Update September 2026</u> The Council will use a specialist framework for social worker staff, so all agency requests will go via the main agency contract and where unsuccessful, this framework will be used in line with BCBC Contract Procedure Rules. Use of the framework is being introduced against a backdrop of sustained reductions in agency usage.	Corporate Director – Social Services & Wellbeing
		Where agency providers are being used, particularly within the Social Services & Wellbeing directorate, there needs to be robust agreements in place in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.	Medium	With the support of the Group Manager – HR&OD ensure that agency providers are procured and contracted in compliance to the Contract Procedure Rules.	30/09/25 <u>Revised</u> 30/11/25 31/01/26 31/10/26	<u>Update September 2026</u> Utilising either the main agency contract or the specialist framework as specified above will ensure that suitable agreements are in place.	Corporate Director – Social Services & Wellbeing
Community Asset Transfers <i>Substantial Opinion</i>	30/04/25	To incorporate the latest best practice guidance and ensure accurate information is available to the public, the policy document and all relevant procedures should be reviewed and revised as	Medium	The CAT Officer had already identified that the CAT Policy would require review and this will be progressed within the next 3 months. This will also consider the recommendation that there is 3rd sector	30/09/25 <u>Revised</u> 30/09/26	The policy is undergoing further review in respect of the recommendations made during the internal audit, as well as other wider considerations and improvements which are being reviewed. There will also be the introduction of a formal monitoring framework, which will	Community Asset Transfer Officer

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		required, with approval at the appropriate level.		involvement in the CAT Steering Group		involve colleagues across various departments including compliance, legal, finance and corporate landlord.	
		To identify areas potentially requiring additional support and ensure that the terms of the agreements are adhered to, a formal monitoring framework should be developed for all assets that have been transferred to a third party.	Medium	The implementation of a monitoring framework will be explored, with initial company status monitoring continuing in the interim.	31/12/25 <u>Revised</u> 30/09/26	As above	Community Asset Transfer Officer
Corporate Risk Management <i>Limited Opinion</i>	7/11/26	A Corporate Risk Manager with sole responsibility for corporate risk management should be established to ensure clear accountability, consistent oversight, and effective coordination of strategic risks across the Council is undertaken.	High	A Corporate Risk Manager with sole responsibility for corporate risk management should be established to ensure clear accountability, consistent oversight, and effective coordination of strategic risks across the Council is undertaken.	31/12/25 <u>Revised</u> 30/09/26	The budget proposals for 2026-27 included a cost pressure which includes funding for a risk manager post. This will be tallied to support a corporate wide review of risk management processes across the Council	Corporate Director – Finance and Transformation
		In line with the Risk Management Policy and the Risk Management Guidance, Senior Officers should be established to manage the Corporate Risk in each department/service area ensuring the required monitoring and review of the risks are being undertaken.	High	This recommendation is agreed.	31/12/25 <u>Revised</u> 30/09/26	This will be undertaken as part of the overall review of risk management across the Council	Corporate Director – Finance and Transformation

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Awen Cultural Trust <i>Limited Opinion</i>	14/04/26	The Council identifies the financial savings required and liaises with Awen Cultural Trust to ensure they can be implemented in line with the Partnership Agreement and the timescales within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).	High	The Council will work collaboratively with Awen Cultural Trust to support the implementation of identified savings. Ongoing dialogue will ensure changes are managed in line with the Partnership Agreement with appropriate consideration of service delivery and agreed timescales. Work will be ongoing in relation to option appraisal of the contract along with appropriate governance in line with contract changes and required timelines.	31/03/27	The actions are progressing and are on target to achieve the agreed implementation date.	Group Manager, Prevention & Wellbeing