

Meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

29 June 2026

Responses to Recommendations / Additional Information Requested

	Recommendations / Information Requested:	Response:	Accepted / Partially Accepted / Not Accepted:
Revenue Budget Outturn 2025/26			
Recommendations			
1	Members discussed schools projecting deficit budgets and individual school deficit recovery plans, expressed concern regarding addressing the deficits individually and recommended that consideration be given to managing and dealing with the deficits as a single debt and to setting up a task force or project to clear it.	Response awaited.	
2	The Committee were advised of the interconnectivity between all Council Directorate budgets and recommended that consideration be given to adding a section to future budget reports to include an all Council-contextual overview before detailing individual Directorate positions.	This can be introduced in future monitoring reports.	Agreed
Additional Information Requested			
3	Members requested a breakdown of the value for each anonymised schools' projected deficit or surplus budget and that consideration be given to including this information in future Budget reports.	Response awaited.	
4	The Committee were advised that the Committees Directorate are implementing a new Integrated Work	Referred to the Communities, Environment and Housing Committee at their meeting on 13 July	

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	Management System and requested that Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider requesting a report regarding the new system.	2026 and added to their Forward Work Programme.	
5	The Committee discussed the ongoing review of the Council's Cemeteries Strategy and requested that consideration be given to exploring:	5a Cemeteries in the County are owned and managed wholly by the Council in BCBC, so would not be appropriate for a Joint Committee. The Joint Committee for the Crematorium is the governance mechanism used as the facility is owned and operated on behalf of three LA's namely BCBC, VOG and RCT.	Not Accepted
	a. whether cemeteries should be considered by a Joint Committee building on the success of Coychurch Crematorium; and b. alternative burials such as natural and hydro given that cemetery space is limited.	5b As part of the Cemetery review, alternative burial options will be considered.	Accepted
6	The Committee discussed the cessation of the Council's Pest Control Service and requested information regarding the number of complaints regarding pests since October 2025, set out by Ward if possible.	The Council stopped providing this service in October 2025 therefore no longer has this data.	Not accepted
7	The Committee discussed the shortfall on Department for Work and Pensions' subsidy contributions towards housing benefit payments and requested more information regarding the number of cases supported, detail and impact of those costs and the number of any legacy cases which may be having an impact.	This information will be collated and shared with Committee.	Accepted

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8	The Committee discussed the grant funding received by the Service to assist refugees and those seeking asylum and requested: a. the level of grants received in previous years, and the level anticipated to continue in future years; b. an update on outcomes achieved from the grant funding received and the numbers being supported by the Authority, set out by Ward if possible; and c. an all-Member briefing regarding the support offered by the Service.	Response awaited.	
Age Friendly Baseline			
Recommendation			
9	The Committee recommended that the reference to work being undertaken with the following be included in the Age Friendly Bridgend Baseline Assessment: a. Transport for Wales; and b. Faith-based organisations including Churches, Mosque and Hindu Temple.	The assessment will be updated to reflect partnership work with Transport for Wales and faith-based organisations, recognising their role in supporting connected and inclusive age-friendly communities.	Accepted

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Play Sufficiency			
Recommendation			
10	The Committee recommended that consideration be given to better signposting to parents and carers of play opportunities in their local areas including better communication via the Council's website and social media.	We will review how play opportunities are promoted through the Council's website and social media, with a focus on making local information easier for parents and carers to access.	Accepted
Forward Work Programme Update			
11	The Committee requested that the following items be added to their Forward Work Programme: a. The Council's response to major incidents and events to include how information is communicated to Members and residents; and b. A quarterly progress update on the Council's Transformation agenda commencing October 2026.	a. Added to FWP and b. Transformation reported to Extraordinary Meetings of COSC on 7 September and 25 September 2026 and due to be reported in December 2026.	