

Vale of Glamorgan Council

Draft Corporate Plan

2025–2030

OUR OBJECTIVES

Creating Great Places to Live, Work and Visit

- Working in partnership to make the Vale a great and safe place to live and work. Making the most of investment and regeneration opportunities and focusing on people and place. Making sure people can access affordable and quality housing as well as leisure and cultural activities.

Respecting and Celebrating the Environment

- We are committed to tackling climate change and protecting the environment and for everyone to be part of this work. We will focus on improving transport, food, energy, waste management, green spaces, and buildings.

Giving Everyone a Good Start in Life

- We will focus on providing support from early childhood, helping children grow confidently and live healthy lives. We recognise the role of schools and their importance in the local community. We will provide information and services and ensure there are activities in and out of school for our children and young people to enjoy.

Supporting and Protecting Those Who Need Us

- We are committed to ensuring residents who need extra help can access it. Working across social care, housing, and health services, preventing homelessness, and offering advice and support. We will also work with a range of partners to prevent and tackle poverty and ensure the services and advice needed are available.

Being the Best Council We Can Be

- We are committed to providing good service and ensuring the Council is as resilient as it can be, delivering for our communities now and into the future. The focus is on ensuring we have quality services, good governance and robust financial and other management procedures. Actions included in this section are integral to the success of the whole Plan. The needs of our residents and those using our services will be at the heart of everything.

Our Vision: Strong communities with a bright future

SOME KEY CHALLENGES ARE:

Poverty

Life experiences are not the same across the Vale, our aim is to ensure everyone can afford the essentials and a decent standard of living.

The Climate and Nature Emergencies

The Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and a nature emergency in 2021, recognising the urgent need for action. The Council's Project Zero aims to reduce its carbon emissions to net-zero by 2030 and work toward a net-zero Vale by 2050.

Inequalities

The Vale of Glamorgan is becoming more diverse, with a growing older population and residents who have different life experiences. We are committed to making sure our services are fair and accessible to everyone, including supporting the Welsh language, and we will keep learning from people's experiences to understand their needs better.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

We know we can only deliver the outcomes we want by working with others. In the Plan we set out what organisations can expect when working with the Council, in summary you can expect us to:

- Be open and honest, giving you chances to be involved in decisions and making sure your voice is heard.
- Make sure you have enough time and different ways to share your feedback on Council plans.
- Clearly explain what is and isn't possible, and why.
- Provide clear and simple information about grants and opportunities, with fair expectations and timelines.
- Work with various organisations to solve problems and find opportunities.
- Listen to your ideas with easy ways to get in touch, and support communities in managing local services.
- Respect our diverse communities, aim for fairness and celebrate Welsh culture.