

CABINET

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 6th November 2025.

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Present: Councillor L. Burnett (Chair); Councillors R.M. Birch, G. John, S.D. Perkes, S. Sivagnanam, E. Williams and M.R. Wilson.

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey and Dr. I.J. Johnson

C124 ANNOUNCEMENT –

The Leader commenced by advising of some housekeeping issues and advised that the meeting was being livestreamed, recorded and would be uploaded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

C125 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor B.E. Brooks.

C126 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2025 be approved as a correct record.

C127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C128 JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM –

The minutes of the Joint Consultative Forum meeting held on 22nd September 2025 were presented.

There was a wide-ranging discussion on matters which included Staff Network Updates, People's Strategy and the Reshaping Programme.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Joint Consultative Forum meeting held on 22nd September 2025 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

C129 STRATEGIC COLLABORATIVE WORKING INITIATIVES UPDATE (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to provide an update for Cabinet on the Council's strategic collaborative working initiatives and sought approval for a change in how that activity was integrated into other mechanisms in the future.

The Compendium of Strategic Working Initiatives (Appendix A) provided detail on the collaborative working activity that the Council was undertaking with partners across Wales.

Further to the resolution under Minute No. C116 from the Cabinet meeting that took place on 16th October 2025, it was further proposed to include the minutes of other meetings that Cabinet considered on a regular basis as part of the same quarterly report to Cabinet that would provide an overview of all the Joint Committee Meetings held and links to the respective minutes.

Councillor Williams said that collaboration with a wide range of partners was important for the benefit of the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan. Councillor Wilson added that working with partners also provided examples of best practice and often the Vale of Glamorgan Council was sector-leading across a number of areas.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the strategic collaborative working initiatives that were in place to support the delivery and development of Council services and the Council's well-being outcomes and objectives be noted.

(2) T H A T further opportunities for partnership working in line with the priorities in Vale 2030 that were being explored as part of the Reshaping Programme be noted.

(3) T H A T the proposal for strategic collaborative working initiatives to be embedded in and reported through the Annual Self-Assessment and Directorate Planning processes in future be approved.

(4) T H A T further to the resolution under Minute No. C116 from the Cabinet meeting that took place on 16th October 2025, the minutes of other meetings that Cabinet considers on a regular basis be included as part of a quarterly report to Cabinet.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide Cabinet with an update of strategic collaborative working initiatives.
- (2) To enable further partnership opportunities to be explored or strengthened.
- (3) To provide an overview of the strategic working initiatives in which each Directorate was involved alongside information about the Council's performance management framework in an integrated way, reflecting the integral nature of partnerships in the delivery of the Council's services and outcomes.
- (4) To present to Cabinet a report on a quarterly basis which would provide an overview of all the Joint Committee Meetings of which the Vale of Glamorgan Council was a formal member and links to the respective minutes.

C130 FUTURE GENERATIONS REPORT AND THE AUDIT WALES REPORT - NO TIME TO LOSE: LESSONS FROM OUR WORK UNDER THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to consider the Future Generations Report and the Audit Wales Report - No time to lose: Lessons from our work under the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the draft responses to the recommendations in both reports.

The Council had been asked to specifically comment on the recommendations that were for public bodies and to indicate a status, with Appendix B to the report detailing all the recommendations. Some of the recommendations were more challenging than others and was reflected in the relevant responses.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the findings and recommendations in the Future Generations Commissioners Report be noted and the draft response as set out in Appendix A and Appendix B be approved for submission to the Future Generations Commissioner.
- (2) T H A T the findings and recommendations in the Audit Wales report 'No time to lose: Lessons from our work under the Well-being of Future Generations Act' be noted alongside the Future Generations Commissioner's Report and the draft response attached as Appendix A and Appendix B.

(3) T H A T the report be shared with the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable Cabinet to consider the report and submit a response to the Future Generations Commissioner regarding the recommendations in the Future Generations report published in April 2025.

(2) To enable Cabinet to consider the Audit Wales report and respond to the recommendations.

(3) To enable partners to consider the findings and recommendations in the reports and the Council's response.

C131 CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE 2025 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to provide Cabinet with an update on performance against the Corporate Asset Management Plan (CAMP) 2023-28 targets.

Paragraph 2.7 of the report detailed the movement of teams around the Council as part of the Eich Lle programme of work aimed at rationalising the Council's Primary office buildings, with further details contained within the Corporate Asset Management Plan Action Tracker attached as Appendix A to the report.

By means of an update, Councillor John referred to Item 3 of Objective 2 on Page 7 of Appendix A which referred to opportunities to dispose of surplus property, specifically Stradling Park in Llantwit Major which had now been successfully transferred from the Vale of Glamorgan Council to Llantwit Major Town Council, with one outstanding matter relating to registering the park under with Fields in Trust.

Also, Councillor John referred to Item 2 of Objective 4 on Page 11 of Appendix A, relating to the transfers of sports facilities to suitable clubs. Both Penarth Athletic Field and Old Penarthians Rugby Club remained to be completed due to legal considerations and discussions were ongoing regarding Dinas Powys and Seel Park. The Rhoose Bowling Club transfer had been completed and Colwinstone was progressing.

Councillor Wilson said it was important to ensure that the Council checked its assets regularly to ensure value for money, were fully compliant with current legislation and that staff time was maximised to ensure they could serve residents of the Vale of Glamorgan.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED – T H A T the progress made against the targets set by the 2023-2028 Corporate Asset Management Plan as described in the report and Appendix A be endorsed.

Reason for decision

To update Cabinet on the progress made against the Corporate Asset Management Plan 2023-2028.

**C132 BARRY TOWN CENTRE WESTERN GATEWAY – UPDATE (DL/SP)
(SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to provide an update regarding Barry Town Centre Western Gateway project.

Paragraph 1.5 of the report detailed the original Phase 1 and 2 proposals, prior to a cost plan for the project being prepared by AECOM in November 2024 which showed a shortfall in funding for the health element of the site. It was felt that delivering a housing scheme without that health facility was not beneficial to the centre of Barry. With older people's accommodation above and an extra care facility across the road, a health and social care hub was considered as an opportunity to still make the site work and create a more collaborative model of social care and health that would serve the people of Barry more effectively.

Councillor Williams said that the proposals would have a positive impact on residents of the Vale of Glamorgan and demonstrated the Council's commitment to work with the Health Board to improve provision or services.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the development of a revised scheme for Phase 1 of the Barry Town Centre Western Gateway regeneration project, relating to the Gladstone Road Bridge Compound Site, be endorsed to include a health and social care hub and affordable housing, subject to the appropriate legislative provisions, statutory consents and funding.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place (in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Head of Finance/S151 Officer) to negotiate and agree terms with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board for the Council to purchase the freehold interest in the Broad Street Clinic Site pursuant to the principles and best practices of the Welsh Government's Estate Co-ordination and Land Transfer Protocol.

- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place (in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer) to negotiate and agree terms with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board for the delivery of the health and social care hub, including any agreements/land transactions which may be required to facilitate it, such as the disposal of space within the future development to accommodate the health and social care hub (by virtue of a long lease, or otherwise).
- (4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place (in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, Chief Executive and Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer) to submit and accept grant applications to secure funding towards the cost of the project.
- (5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Housing and Building Services to procure and appoint a design team and other consultants as may be required to achieve project delivery, subject to funding.
- (6) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Housing and Building Services (in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, Chief Executive, Director of Social Services and Director of Place) to submit a planning application(s) for the project by virtue of either Regulation 3 or Regulation 4 of The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 (As Amended).
- (7) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, execute, and complete all legal documentation required to acquire and dispose of land and procure and facilitate the delivery of the project.
- (8) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services to develop an appropriate business and service plan (in consultation with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, where appropriate), for the future of the health and social care hub.
- (9) T H A T authority be granted to the Director of Place to refer the project to Barry Town Board for information.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To obtain endorsement from Cabinet for the Barry Town Centre Gateway regeneration project its delivery subject to statutory consents and funding.
- (2) To obtain authority to purchase the freehold interest of the Broad Street Clinic Site.
- (3) To obtain authority to negotiate and agree terms with Cardiff and Vale Health Board.

- (4) To obtain authority to submit and accept grant applications for the project.
- (5) To obtain authority to procure and appoint the design team and other consultants as may be required for the project.
- (6) To obtain authority to submit planning application(s) for the project.
- (7) To obtain authority for the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, execute and complete all legal documentation required to facilitate the delivery of the project.
- (8) To ensure that the future sustainability of the project.
- (9) To ensure Barry Town Board are sighted on proposals.

C133 CHILD CARE AND EARLY YEARS CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE 2025-28 (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – START WELL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language presented the report to request permission from Cabinet to submit individual Business Justification Cases to Welsh Government in respect of their commitment to support and strengthen the childcare sector and delegate specific powers to named officers and relevant Portfolio holder relating to the local delivery of the projects.

Councillor Birch stressed the importance of children having good childcare at early stages of their lives, particularly if from challenging backgrounds, as it improved their educational possibilities and social skills. Two capital projects had already received funding awards and the other four would be updated as they were considered.

Councillor Williams said such schemes had a positive impact on both the children and their families and made a real difference to the children involved.

Councillor Sivagnanam said that working collaboratively to provide such provision was essential as it provided value for money to the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan. Early years programmes were vital in addressing inequalities at any early stage.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T permission be granted to submit individual Business Justification Cases to Welsh Government which highlighted the necessity to develop new childcare provision along with supporting the expansion and / or improvements to existing childcare provision in the Vale of Glamorgan.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Learning and Skills (in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh language, Chief Executive, Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services) to approve the use of the Capital Programme Fund allocation for Early Years and Childcare led projects.

(3) T H A T the Director of Learning and Skills (in consultation with the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services) be authorised to negotiate terms and conditions for the appointment of third-party suppliers/providers for Early Years and Childcare led projects.

(4) T H A T the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services (in consultation with the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer) be authorised to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation to enable third-party suppliers/providers to be appointed for Early Years and Childcare led projects.

(5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation with third parties.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To progress a Business Justification Case process with Welsh Government.

(2) To obtain authority to approve the use of the Early Years and Childcare Capital programme funding for Early Years and Childcare led projects.

(3) To obtain authority to appoint third-party suppliers/providers to be appointed for Early Years and Childcare led projects where required.

(4) To obtain authority to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation to enable third-party suppliers/providers to be appointed for Early Years and Childcare led projects where required.

(5) To obtain authority to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation with third parties.

C134 VALE OF GLAMORGAN REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RLDP) 2021-2036 – HOUSING GROWTH IN BARRY CONSULTATION REPORT (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to advise Cabinet of the issues raised through representations received during the public consultation exercise undertaken between 16th June 2025 and 14th July 2025 in respect of future housing growth in Barry.

In total, 159 individuals and organisations made representations on the consultation, with the highest number made for the Northwest Barry site with 122 objections, 3

representations of support and 13 comments. A number of valid concerns were raised concerning traffic congestion, biodiversity and flooding.

The land at Neptune Road on Barry Waterfront received 14 representations of support, 11 objections and 10 comments with concerns about traffic congestions and infrastructure capacity. The third site at The Bendricks received 10 representations of support, 14 comments and 27 objections.

Councillor Sivagnanam referred to Paragraph 2.9 of the report which referred to the need for mitigation, further scrutiny and appropriate planning considerations, as well as further stakeholder engagement as part of ongoing processes.

The Leader was looking forward to the subsequent discussion at the Place Scrutiny Committee.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T use of the urgent decision procedure as set out at Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be agreed to allow the report to be considered by Place Scrutiny Committee on 18th November 2025.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to Place Scrutiny Committee for their consideration on 18th November 2025. Following their consideration, the Place Scrutiny Committee refers any recommendations back to Cabinet (20th November 2025) for their final consideration prior to Cabinet referring this report with the recommendations of the Place Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet's responses to Full Council (1st December 2025) for consideration and approval. Should Place Scrutiny Committee have no further recommendations to refer to Cabinet for consideration, that the report be referred to Full Council (1st December 2025) for:
 - a. endorsement of the actions set out in the Consultation Report;
 - b. approval to include the three potential housing sites as allocations in the Deposit Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP).

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To outline to Members the issues raised during the public consultation exercise on Housing Growth in Barry.
- (2) To allow the relevant Scrutiny Committee to consider the report on 18th November 2025.
- (3) To allow officers to progress with the preparation of the Deposit RLDP.

**C135 LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS
REPORT 2025 (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – LIVE WELL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek approval for the 2025 Local Air Quality Management Annual Progress Report (APR) on air quality monitoring conducted in 2024 to enable submission to Welsh Government no later than 31st December 2025.

From the 41 locations monitored throughout the Vale of Glamorgan with the use of passive diffusion tubes, no sites breached the national NO₂ annual objective of 40 µg/m³ or the NO₂ 1-hour objective. For existing monitoring sites, from the period of 2020 to 2024 annual average roadside NO₂ concentrations had decreased by 15%.

Officers from Shared Regulatory Services reviewed the location of passive diffusion tubes on an annual basis using a risk-based approach following Government guidance, including the need for any new monitoring requirements each year.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the monitored results gathered in 2024 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the 2025 Annual Progress Report, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for submission to Welsh Government for approval.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) The report fulfilled the requirements of the statutory Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995, and the report contained results of air quality data captured in 2024.