

CABINET

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 26th February 2026.

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

Also Present: Councillor J. Protheroe.

C206 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.

C207 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2026 be approved as a correct record.

C208 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C209 VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL: SCHOOL BALANCES (REF) –

The reference from Start Well Scrutiny Committee dated 19th January 2026 was presented.

The Leader said that the matter was also discussed at Governance and Audit Committee earlier in the week and therefore likely that a further reference would be presented to Cabinet for consideration.

Progress was being made to reduce deficits and there was conversation at the meeting concerning whether school deficits were being written off. The Leader clarified that the Council were underwriting deficits but they were not written off.

There was also a query at the meeting concerning how were the budget deficits issues allowed to deteriorate, but the Leader said that schools were responsible for their own budgets and the Council was available to support them to manage their positions. Directors within the Council had to report regularly on financial management, detailing performance and where savings may be required, but

schools were autonomous and their budgets were matters for their own Governing Bodies. The Council was often not made aware of any difficulties until called upon for assistance.

The recommendation from the Committee for Cabinet consideration consisted of the comments of the Committee, one of which referred to a need for consistent practice across the Local Authority. The Leader said that she had had discussions with the Minister and her Officials in her role as Welsh Local Government Association spokesperson for Education about what constituted the core deliverables for schools, how those deliverables were measured and how schools could manage their spending if they were not aware of exactly what was expected to be delivered upon.

RESOLVED – T H A T the Start Well Scrutiny Committee be thanked for their consideration of the matter at its meeting dated 19th January 2026 and their comments be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

C210 INITIAL BUDGET 2026/27 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2026/27 TO 2030/31 PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION (REF) –

The reference from Joint Performance Scrutiny Committee dated 11th February 2026 was presented.

The Leader said that the reference was associated to Agenda Item 9 and moved that the item be considered alongside that report, which was agreed.

RESOLVED – T H A T the Joint Performance Scrutiny Committee be thanked for their consideration of the matter at its meeting dated 11th February 2026, that their comments be noted and considered alongside Agenda Item 9.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

C211 DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2026/27 TO 2030/31 (REF) –

The reference from Joint Performance Scrutiny Committee dated 11th February 2026 was presented.

The Leader said that the reference was associated to Agenda Item 10 and moved that the item be considered alongside that report, which was agreed.

RESOLVED – T H A T the Joint Performance Scrutiny Committee be thanked for their consideration of the matter at its meeting dated 11th February 2026, that their comments be noted and considered alongside Agenda Item 10.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

C212 QUARTER 3 REVENUE MONITORING 2025/26 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to provide an update on Quarter 3 Monitoring for 2025/26.

Table 2 on Page 3 of the report showed there had been a net impact on schools of £8.8M in terms of reserves and therefore were not able to be used for other matters to cover those deficits. Reserves were however projected to reduce over the year and would be reprofiled due to capital expenditure slippage.

It was proposed that the report be referred to Resources Scrutiny Committee where the Leader looked forward to a more in-depth discussion.

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 report and the financial measures taken and proposed be approved.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration and for any recommendations to be referred back to Cabinet for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To approve the report and the financial measures taken and proposed.

(2) To enable the Scrutiny Committee responsible for finance to review the year end position.

C213 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to advise Cabinet of the progress on the 2025/26 Capital Programme for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st December 2025 and to request changes to the Capital Programme.

Councillor Wilson referred to Page 16 of the report which concerned site stabilisation work now taking place at Penarth Marina with the main works to begin in March 2026. It would be a long term scheme for long term benefits and he looked forward to the completion of the scheme, though there would be some disruption in the shorter term.

Councillor John said that not all the schemes listed were outstanding and, as an example, referred to the S106 funding for Ham Lane East in Llantwit Major for a controlled crossing where the scheme was completed under budget last August and the balance would be returned to the base budget. The Leader thanked Councillor John for the clarification.

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 progress made on delivering the 2025/26 Capital Programme be noted.
- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority as set out in the report be noted.
- (3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers as detailed in Appendix 1 be noted.
- (4) T H A T the following changes to the 2025/26 Capital Programme and future years Capital Programme be approved:
 - St Richard Gwyn Redevelopment – Request to carry forward £1m of this scheme budget into the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
 - Early Years Childcare – Pen Y Garth – Include this scheme in the 2025/26 to 2027/28 Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 2.11, to be funded from Welsh Government Grant.
 - Cadoxton Primary Retaining Wall Reinstatement –Vire £11k in the 2025/26 Capital Programme from the Victorian Schools General Maintenance budget to this scheme budget.
 - St Joseph’s Primary, Llandough Primary & Y Bont Faen – Repairs & Renewal of External Cladding – Request to carry forward the scheme budget of £35k to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
 - Cadoxton Primary - WC Refurbishment – Carry forward £50k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.

- Community Focused Schools Grant – To note the changes and approve the virements requested in line with the variation approved by Welsh Government as detailed in paragraph 2.13 and 2.14
- Additional Learning Needs Grant – To note the changes requested, approve the virements and include new schemes in line with the variation approved by Welsh Government as detailed in paragraph 2.15 and 2.16.
- Victoria Primary Boundary Wall – Carry forward this scheme budget of £14k into the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Victorian Schools - Replacement of residual cast iron rainwater goods – Request to carry forward this scheme budget of £30k into the 2026/26 Capital Programme.
- Victorian Schools – Structural Inspections – Carry forward £250k of this scheme budget into the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- New ALN Facility – Llantwit Major Comprehensive School – Carry forward £1.521m of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Review of revenue spend over £10k – Include capital schemes as part of a review of revenue spend as set out in paragraph 2.17 of this report.
- Ysgol Y Deri – Boiler Replacement – Include this scheme in the 2025/26 Capital Programme with a budget of £10k, to be funded by a virement from the Victorian Schools General Maintenance budget.
- School Maintenance Grant – Noting the receipt of this Welsh Government grant of £715k and switch of funding as detailed in paragraph 2.19.
- Residential Homes Fire Doors – Rename this scheme, Residential Homes Fire Works in the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- Invest to Save – Increase the 2025/26 by £110k in the 2025/26 Capital Programme, to be funded by borrowing.
- Cartref Residential Home - Boiler Renewal Works – Carry Forward £140k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- St Michaels Landscaping Works, Barry – Include a new scheme in the Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 2.22, to be funded from Social Services revenue budget.
- Vehicle Replacement Programme –
 - Carry forward £115k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
 - Include grant of £14k in the 2025/26 Capital Programme, funded by Welsh Government grant.
- Coast Protection and Land Drainage General – Request to carry forward £131k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Colwinston Village Hall Roof Renewal – Remove this scheme from the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- Penarth Marina Landslip – Slope Stabilisation Works – Request to carry forward £500k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Retaining Wall Windsor Road – Carry forward £200k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Barry Island ANPR and pay systems – Request to carry forward £50k of this scheme budget into the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Review Alterations of Parking Permit Schemes – Request to carry forward this scheme budget of £55k to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Car Park Refurbishment and new parking charges – Request to carry forward £55k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.

- Active Travel transport grants – Request to amend budgets on the Active Travel transport grants in line with the variation approved by Welsh Government, detailed in paragraph 2.25.
- 20MPH – Reduce this scheme budget, funded by Welsh Government grant by £174k, in the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- S106 Hayes Road, Barry – Pedestrian Improvements – Carry forward £40k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- S106 Ham Lane East Llantwit Major - Controlled crossing – Request to reduce this scheme budget by £40k in the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- S106 Public Open Space – The Bendricks, Barry – Request to carry forward £110k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- S106 controlled Crossing - South Road, Sully – Request to carry forward £100k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- S106 Linear Park Proposals, Sully – Carry forward £150k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Fleet Parking – Request to carry forward £800k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Housing Improvement Programme –
 - Carry forward £3.010m of this programme into the 2026/27 Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 2.47.
 - Increase the ICF – Penarth Older Person’s Village scheme budget by £5k, to be funded from Housing Revenue Account budget.
- Community Safety – CCTV upgrade – Include a new scheme for CCTV upgrade in the 2025/26 Capital Programme with a budget of £24k, to be funded by a revenue contribution from Community Safety budget for CCTV.
- Levelling Up fund – Request to carry forward £1.5m to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- Placemaking Enhancements - Bearfield, Cowbridge – Carry forward £122k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- UK Government Pride in Place – Request to carry forward £750k to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- SPF Cosmeston Cycling and Footpath Access Improvement – Increase this scheme budget by £75k, funded by reserves.
- SPF SCGF Pedal Power – Reduce this grant funded scheme by £7k in the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- Shared Prosperity Fund – Community Asset Transfer Capital works
 - Request to carry forward £335k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
 - Reduce this scheme budget by £37k in the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- SPF Cosmeston – All weather car park improvements – Increase this scheme budget by £12k, to be funded from Cosmeston Car Parking reserve.
- Wilkinsons Acquisition – Include a new scheme for this acquisition with a budget of £953k in the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- Security Measures at Innovation Quarter – Request to remove this scheme of £12k from the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- Five Mile Lane – Carry forward £900k of this scheme budget to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.
- ULEV Grant - Vire £24k from ULEV grant to the Vehicle Replacement Programme and carry forward to the 2026/27 Capital Programme.

- City Deal – Reprofile this scheme in the 2025/26 and future years' Capital Programme.

(5) T H A T the 2025/26 Capital Programme be amended to reflect the revised lease arrangements that had already commenced or are due to commence in 2025/26 that met the threshold for inclusion under IFRS16.

(6) T H A T the report be referred to Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To advise Cabinet of the progress on the Capital Programme.

(2) To advise Cabinet of the use of Delegated Authority.

(3) To advise Cabinet of the use of Emergency Powers.

(4) To allow schemes to proceed in the current and future financial years.

(5) To request approval of the revised Leasing additions for 2025/26 as part of the IFRS16 accounting standard.

(6) To advise Resources Scrutiny Committee of the progress of the 2025/26 Capital Programme.

C214 DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2026/27 TO 2030/31 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to put forward draft proposals for the Budget 2026/27 and outline the financial position across the medium term 2026/27 to 2030/31 for approval by Full Council on 9th March 2026.

The Leader said that this year's budget considerations had felt different to budgets since austerity began in 2012 as previous budgets had felt like choices having to be made about where to make cuts rather than where to invest in services. This year it was possible to make choices to make investments and welcomed that position as a result of the more positive final settlement from Welsh Government. Savings that needed to be made were able to be managed down to a reasonable amount, there were no cuts made to schools funding, but as a low-funded Council there were always pressures on the budget with pressures for 2026/27 totalling £28.227m.

Consultation took place on the Draft Budget and with 466 responses to the online survey which was lower than recent years. While consultees indicated they were against a proposed 5.5% increase in Council Tax, fewer of them were against an additional 1% to support Youth Services, rural transport and green spaces. Similar to previous years, Vale of Glamorgan residents were strongly in favour of supporting the most vulnerable residents, which was the intention of the additional 1% proposal.

The budget was therefore brought forward based on the 5.5% increase in Council Tax which would allow the Council to meet the demands on services, but also to invest in areas such as the street scene, but it was apparent that people favoured support for Youth Services and rural transport. There was a lengthy discussion at Scrutiny Committee about the need to support rural buses as many felt isolated by current bus service provision and that young people faced sizeable pressures going forward. Parks and green spaces were matters that could be addressed within Service Areas.

After considering the data from the consultation it was felt that Youth Services and rural transport did need support, Members went out to talk to young people about their thoughts as often they did not respond to formal consultations, and it was apparent that they knew about the cost of living crisis, had strong views about public transport and associated safety and the value of youth services which covered more than just in-school matters.

Therefore, the Leader said that while Cabinet would recommend that Full Council approves a Council Tax increase of 5.5% for debate and decision, an additional Recommendation would be added that an additional 1% be added to that Council Tax proposal, which equated to 31p a week on an average property, to provide an appropriate level of support for both young people and rural transport services in the Vale of Glamorgan. The Leader thanked all of the young people in the schools she visited for giving up their time and providing her with their views.

Councillor Birch welcomed the proposal to fund youth work properly as it had a positive impact on young people's lives across the Vale of Glamorgan, offering them support, experiences and places outside of school and access to responsible adults who can listen to issues and offer advice and support.

Councillor Williams said there was increased spend within Adult Services for older people as a result of more complex need and efforts to try and keep people in their own homes. External providers were utilised for placements and there were increases in National Insurance contributions and meeting the Real Living Wage that had to be considered which put pressure on Social Services budgets.

Over the last few months in the Vale of Glamorgan it was recognised that was more support required for youth services and individuals needed more support. The Youth Justice Service had seen an increase in numbers and it was clear there was a need for more youth service provision in order to provide earlier interventions.

Transport had been supported previously by the Vale of Glamorgan Council on order to support public services and it was important to provide such facilities for rural communities.

The Leader said it was important to consider those matters which were so important separately as not part of the base budget, and there were outline proposals from Youth Services which would be made available to Members for consideration. Conversations recently had demonstrated that transport was a complex situation and it was necessary to explore whether increases in timetabled services was the way forward, was an increase in community transport a solution, or were there other

factors to consider. Only by allocating funding was it possible to have those conversations and take the matter forward.

This was a matter for Executive decision and referral to Full Council for consideration.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the updated financial position be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet recommends that Full Council approves a Council Tax increase of 5.5%.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet further resolves to increase the Council Tax by an additional 1%, to enable ringfenced investment in Youth Services and rural transport, with supplemental information to be produced to accompany the report for consideration by Full Council on 9th March 2026 to outline the relevant and necessary additional information for Members to debate and reach a decision on a revised budget with Council Tax set at 6.5%, with the final decision resting with Full Council.
- (4) T H A T Cabinet recommends that Full Council approves the budget for 2026/27.
- (5) T H A T the forecasts across the medium term to 2030/31 and the approach to deliver sustainable finances be noted.
- (6) T H A T the realigned reserves which sought to match the risks the Council now faced be noted, as well as the comments of the s151 Officer on the adequacy of reserves and robustness of estimates in paragraphs 2.106 to 2.117.
- (7) T H A T the arrangements put in place to ensure the delivery of the £2.772m savings programme and ensure the management and mitigation of those cost pressures not awarded be noted.
- (8) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be approved in order for the Draft Budget 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2026/27 to 2030/31 to be considered by Full Council on 9th March 2025.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) It was important for Cabinet to be regularly appraised of the Council's medium term financial position.
- (2) Setting the annual rate of Council Tax was a key policy decision for Council.

- (3) To earmark additional investment in Youth Service provision and rural transport and ensure that Members had all relevant information for consideration at Full Council.
- (4) Setting a balanced budget was a statutory responsibility and decision for Full Council.
- (5) Sustainability was one of the fundamental principles of the Financial Strategy.
- (6) The review of the reserves was one of the fundamental principles of the Financial Strategy and given that the s151 Officer had a statutory duty to comment on the adequacy of reserves and robustness of estimates.
- (7) To ensure all savings could be delivered in full for 2026/27 and also that the unawarded cost pressures did not come forward as overspends.
- (8) To allow the Draft Budget 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2026/27 to 2030/31 to be referred to Full Council on 9th March 2026 for consideration and approval.

C215 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2026/27 AND FINAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2026/27 TO 2030/31 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to set out final proposals for Cabinet Members to consider, before making their recommendations to Full Council, in respect of the final capital budget for the financial year 2026/27 to 2030/31 and to consider the Capital Strategy for 2026/27.

Table 1 on Page 2 of the report illustrated that the total programme for 2026/27 was listed at just under £139m showing the ambition of the Council's Capital Programme. It was important to look at what had already been achieved through capital expenditure concerning schools, house building and regeneration and it was important to take a long term view.

Capital investment was important at the community level as it provided benefits for work experience, jobs and contracts for businesses which supported local business in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Councillor Wilson referred to the Neighbourhood Services and Transport section within Appendix 2 and noted several capital proposals including Dinas Powys flood resilience, work on the retaining Wall on Windsor Road, fleet management work including relocating vehicles from The Alps to Atlantic Trading Estate to reduce carbon emissions and provide more responsive services. There were also capital bids concerning Penarth Pier refurbishment, replacement of street lighting Columns and the Dingle Road Station Footbridge. Work was also ongoing regarding tree planting and planting the right trees in the right locations to ensure future viability.

Councillor Wilson also thanked the Officers concerned with the financial reports on the agenda for the level of detail provided to Members in order to fully consider matters and be able to take decisions, which was echoed by the Leader.

This was a matter for Executive decision and referral to Full Council for consideration.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Full Council that the Capital Strategy 2026/27 as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

(2) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Full Council that the final Capital Programme for the years 2026/27 to 2030/31 as set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

(3) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Full Council that officers have the authority to vire £10k or below between schemes that were already approved within the five year Capital Programme.

(4) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Full Council that the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be granted given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the:

- i. 2026/27 to 2030/31 Housing Improvement Programme as appropriate.
- ii. 2026/27 to 2030/31 Asset Renewal budgets as appropriate.
- iii. S106 funded schemes subject to Member consultation as required under the existing process.
- iv. Decarbonisation Schemes
- v. Sustainable Communities for Learning programme.
- vi. Discretionary Adaption Grant Schemes.
- vii. Pride in Place Impact fund
- viii. Plan for Neighbourhood
- ix. Transforming Towns
- x. Local Growth fund

(5) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be used to enable the Capital Strategy 2026/27 and Final Capital Programme Proposals 2026/27 to 2030/31 to be considered by Full Council on 9th March 2026.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To approve the Capital Strategy for 2026/27.

(2) To set and approve future capital programmes to 2030/31.

- (3) To enable officers to progress schemes more quickly where low value virements below £10k were required.
- (4) To enable the Housing Capital budget, Asset Renewal budgets, S106 schemes, Decarbonisation Schemes, Sustainable Communities for Learning programme, Discretionary Adaption Grant Schemes, Pride in Place Impact fund, Plan for Neighbourhood, Transforming Towns and Local Growth Fund to be managed effectively.
- (5) To allow the Capital Strategy 2026/27 and Final Capital Programme Proposals 2026/27 to 2030/31 to be referred to Full Council on 9th March 2026 for consideration and approval.

C216 TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2026/27 AND UPDATE FOR 2025/26 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to provide an interim report on the Council's Treasury Management operations for the period 1st April to 31st December 2025 and to submit for consideration the proposed 2026/27 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Policy.

Members had recently had the opportunity to attend the most recent training session on Treasury Management which was a recorded session for those Members who were unable to attend to view before the matter was considered by Full Council on 9th March 2026.

This was a matter for Executive decision and referral to Full Council for consideration.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Treasury Management interim report for the period 1st April to 31st December 2025 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the policy for making Minimum Revenue Provision in 2026/27 be approved.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet recommends that Full Council approves the proposed 2026/27 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy including the following specific resolutions (detailed in Appendix 2).
- The Authorised Limit for External Debt be set at £265.800m for 2025/26, £308.472m for 2026/27, £370.857m for 2027/28 and £435.486m for 2028/29.
 - The Operational Boundary for External Debt be set at £237.168m for 2025/26, £278.201m for 2026/27, £339.237m for 2027/28 and £402.998m for 2028/29.

- The Section 151 Officer be granted delegated authority within the total Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary as estimated for individual years to effect movement between the separately agreed limits for borrowing and other long-term liabilities.
- An upper limit of £0m for 2025/26, £10m in 2026/27, £10m in 2027/28 and £10m in 2028/29 be set for total principal sums invested for over 364 days.
- The amount of projected borrowing that is fixed rate maturing in each period as a percentage of total projected borrowing that is fixed rate be set as shown below and further detailed in Appendix 1.

Table 1 – Upper and lower Limits for fixed rate borrowing

	Upper Limit	Lower Limit
Under 12 months	20%	0%
12 months and within 24 months	40%	0%
24 months and within 5 years	40%	0%
5 years and within 10 years	40%	0%
10 years and above	100%	0%

- Any breaches of the Prudential Indicators will be reported through to the next meeting of Cabinet, with the exception of the Authorised Limit for External Debt which would require prior Council approval.

(4) T H A T the Prudential Indicators set out in Appendices 1 and 2 be approved.

(5) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Full Council that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer to approve the Treasury Management Policy Statement and Treasury Management Practices.

(6) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Full Council that delegated authority be granted as set out in paragraph 2.34, to enable the assigned officers to place investments with the Debt Management Account Deposit Facility (DMADF) in line with the daily cash flow projections.

(7) T H A T use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be approved in order for the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2026/27 and Update for 2025/26 to be considered by Full Council on 9th March 2026.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To present the Treasury Management Interim Report.

(2) To agree the basis of the Minimum Revenue Provision calculation for 2026/27 onwards.

(3) In order for the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy as prepared be approved as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

- (4) In order for the Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix 1 and 2 to be approved.
- (5) In order for the Treasury Management Policy Statement and Treasury Management Practices to be approved.
- (6) In order for smooth running of daily cash flow.
- (7) To allow the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2026/27 and Update for 2025/26 to be referred to Full Council on 9th March 2026 for consideration and approval.

C217 MIGRATION OF SCHOOLS TELEPHONY SYSTEM TO A CLOUD BASED SOLUTION (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to progress procurement of the migration of the Council's schools telephony service from the existing on-premise Cisco Unified Communications Manager (CUCM) platform to a cloud based telephony solution.

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 progression to procurement of a cloud-based telephony solution for schools currently using the corporate Cisco Unified Communications Manager platform be approved.
- (2) T H A T the use of the Council's urgent decision procedure, as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution, be agreed to ensure the tender could be let on the planned date of 2nd March 2026 and to ensure the project could be delivered by October 2026.
- (3) T H A T the use of the Digital reserve drawdown to fund one off implementation and any essential handset replacement costs be approved, on the basis that savings generated over a five-year period would replenish the reserve to the level of the draw down.
- (4) T H A T the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to:
 - o finalise the procurement approach and contract award.
 - o agree contract terms within an anticipated 3+1+1 year arrangement.

- o ensure appropriate safeguards around cost control, data protection, and exit provisions.

(5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into and sign the appropriate contract documentation including extension options and variations consistent with the details contained in the report.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that the telephony service provided to schools was cost effective and fit for purpose.
- (2) To ensure the tender could be let on the planned date and ensure the project could be delivered by October 2026.
- (3) To ensure that any implementation costs of the project were met.
- (4) To ensure that the Council were within contract for a cost effective and fit for purpose cloud-based telephony solution for schools.
- (5) To ensure that the Council could efficiently enter into, extend and vary the necessary contract documentation without delay, enabling timely contract formation.

C218 DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU – VALE OF GLAMORGAN ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to update Members on the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru – Vale of Glamorgan Electoral Arrangements Review Final Recommendations.

The final recommendations had been submitted to Welsh Government Ministers and any further comments concerning the Commission's Final Recommendations should be addressed to Welsh Government and submitted by no later than 12th March 2026.

Final consideration would take place at Full Council on 9th March 2026, so the Leader proposed use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be approved in order for the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru – Vale of Glamorgan Electoral Arrangements Review Final Recommendations to be considered by Full Council on 9th March 2026, which was agreed.

This was a matter for Executive decision and referral to Full Council for consideration.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Final Recommendations as set in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.10 of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Full Council that the Final Recommendations be accepted and that this be conveyed to Welsh Ministers in advance of 12th March 2026.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to Full Council on 9th March 2026 for consideration.
- (4) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be used to enable the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru – Vale of Glamorgan Electoral Arrangements Review Final Recommendations to be considered by Full Council on 9th March 2026.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To note and consider the Commission's Final Recommendations.
- (2) To recommend to Full Council that the Final Recommendations be accepted.
- (3) To allow consideration by Full Council, whilst being mindful that all Members were able to submit their own comments if they wished.
- (4) To allow the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2026/27 and Update for 2025/26 to be referred to Full Council on 9th March 2026 for consideration and approval.

C219 ALL SCHOOL PROCUREMENT EXERCISE - PRINTER AND PHOTOCOPIERS (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – START WELL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to commence procurement of a provider to supply and maintain all printers and photocopiers for up to 53 schools within the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Councillor Birch said that senior staff in schools were employed to be experts in teaching and learning but were also expected to be an expert in other matters such as procurement contracts which was not their speciality. It would be more cost-effective for the Authority to take on that role and procure more effectively and assist schools in securing the best possible value for money while maintaining service quality and reliability.

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 a procurement exercise be commenced for the provision, installation, support and maintenance of replacement multifunctional devices (printers and photocopiers) for up to 53 schools delivered through a centrally managed and phased implementation programme.

(2) T H A T the Director of Learning and Skills, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and Welsh Language, the Head of Finance/S151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to finalise the procurement approach and make the contract award.

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into and sign the appropriate contract documentation including any permitted extension options and variations in accordance with the terms of the agreement and the Council's governance requirements.

(4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Learning and Skills to implement the contract, including any phased onboarding of schools.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and public procurement legislation and to secure a consistent cost effective and reliable managed print solution across schools through a planned replacement programme.

(2) To enable the procurement process to be completed efficiently within required timescales without returning to Cabinet following tender evaluation, while maintaining appropriate governance oversight through consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, Head of Finance/S151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

(3) To ensure all contractual arrangements were legally robust and compliant with legislation and governance requirements and to allow the agreement to be concluded promptly following contract award.

(4) To enable effective mobilisation and operational management of the service, including phased implementation across schools, ensuring continuity of provision and appropriate contract management.

C220 OBJECTION REPORT: THE WATERFRONT, BARRY – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (NBS) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to advise Cabinet of an objection received and to propose an appropriate way forward.

Councillor Wilson said that residents had faced challenges over a number of years and as such the Council consulted a scheme to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, Traffic Regulation Order at various locations across The Waterfront, namely Ffordd y Milenium, Portland Drive, Ffordd Y Glannau, Ffordd Y Dociau, Clos Tear, Heol Livesey, and Heol Finch.

Only one formal objection to the proposals was received. Officers concluded that despite the limitations in road layout, the proposed waiting restrictions were necessary to prevent obstruction, improve safety and maintain traffic flow. It was important to try and reduce collisions numbers and improve safety. Enforcement would be undertaken for safety and access reasons only and not for revenue generation.

Councillor Wilson thanked the residents of The Waterfront for their perseverance and resilience in challenging circumstances.

The Leader said it was important to remember that this was the start of a solution which would be reviewed in case of unintended consequences. In a new community it was important to ensure that infrastructure once adopted was designed to meet the needs of the local residents.

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 objection raised in relation to the proposed Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, Traffic Regulation Order referred in the Report and Appendix A be considered.

(2) T H A T in pursuance of Resolution (1), the proposal for the Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, Traffic Regulation Order be approved.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure that all relevant information was considered by Cabinet in reaching a decision.

(2) To mitigate the current challenges in relation to indiscriminate parking and safety concerns and facilitate safe and efficient traffic movement.