

## CABINET

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 28th May 2026.

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

### **C282 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.

### **C283 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –**

These were received from Councillors S. Sivagnanam and M.R. Wilson.

### **C284 DECLARATION OF INTEREST –**

Councillor Birch declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 concerning the 'Objection Report: Dryden Road, Penarth – Proposed School Street Traffic Regulation Order' report, as a Minority Authority Representative at Fairfield Primary School. Councillor Birch left the meeting for the relevant item.

### **C285 MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2026 be approved as a correct record.

### **C286 AUDIT WALES: VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL AUDIT PLAN 2026 (REF) –**

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee dated 13th April 2026 was presented by the Leader reflecting that there was consideration of critical topics such as Cyber security, the capacity of Audit Wales in delivery of the plan and how other Regional bodies such as Cardiff Capital Region had their own audit arrangements and Governance and Audit Committee.

RESOLVED – T H A T the Audit Wales Plan 2026 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

**C287**      **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES / JOINT COMMITTEES**  
**(EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to appoint / nominate representatives to the Outside Bodies / Joint Committees detailed in the report following the Annual Meeting held on 13th May 2026.

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 amended record of Members (attached as Appendix A to the report) be appointed or nominated to serve on the Bodies listed until the Local Government elections in 2027.

(2)      T H A T, where permitted by law, attendance at meetings of organisations to which a Member had been nominated or appointed by the Council be classed as an approved duty for which travelling and subsistence allowances were payable, in accordance with the Council's scheme.

(3)      T H A T delegated authority be granted to the statutory Head of Democratic Services to make typographical or other minor changes regarding appointments or nominations to serve on the Bodies listed as required until the local elections in 2027.

Reasons for decisions

(1)      To ensure continuity of representation by the Council on Outside Bodies.

(2)      To make typographical or other minor changes as necessary without the need to seek Cabinet approval.

(3)      To ensure the most up to date version of the Appointments to Outside Bodies / Joint Committees listings.

**C288**      **VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**2026/2027** (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to review and approve the Vale of Glamorgan Annual Statement 2026/27. They reflected that this was the annual plan with eighteen priorities which underpinned the aspirations of Vale 2030, alongside

resident feedback and local priorities, which were also being informed by Directorate Plans previously agreed by Cabinet. They reflected upon the commitments surrounding school building, with two aiming to be finished during the year, one progressed and another started, alongside introducing the street scene model which would have an impact in being present and cleaning up areas such as lanes and graffiti in public spaces. They further noted the completion of public toilet refurbishments, which had been happening quietly, but had been completed in most towns.

Councillor Perkes reflected upon the completions of the temporary housing scheme at Cadoxton House and older persons accommodation in Cowbridge, noting that they would be a high standard of work to support residents.

The Deputy Leader acknowledged that investment in parks, country parks and resorts, including a refurbished splashpad and skate park, would be of benefit to the community and investment to the future.

Councillor John shared that the soft plastics recycling scheme, being extended to all residents, had made an impact in the Western Vale and that there had been a noticeable reduction in waste.

Councillor Birch said that the refurbished facilities at Cosmeston Café had been a success, with the toilets, changing spaces, café and general cleanliness being impressive and a reflection of the great work of the Big Fresh Catering Company.

Councillor Williams reflected that there had been lots of successes in care homes, alongside positive recent Care Inspectorate Wales reports surrounding fostering in the Vale of Glamorgan which would contribute to the meeting of aspirations.

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 Vale of Glamorgan Annual Statement 2026/27 be approved.

#### Reason for decision

Having regard to the overview of the Council's key areas of focus in 2026/27 which would deliver the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Vale 2030 commitments.

#### **C289      Q4 SICKNESS ABSENCE REPORT 2025/2026 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to set out the sickness absence figures for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 as part of the agreed performance management arrangements. They reflected this was a regular report, with the information considered from various perspectives, such as type of absence,

department, absence length etc., and that the Council was generally in line with previous years' data, and low in comparison to other Welsh Local Authorities. They noted that approximately 80% of the Council's staff were front line, which could either require physical work which led to issues, or for those who worked with people, they did not want to spread infections and illnesses as they needed to keep the public safe.

Councillor Williams noted that in social care, support was in place to support people during the sickness alongside those who may pick up additional work as a result.

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 April 2025 to March 2026 sickness absence figures provided in Appendix A be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration, with any Recommendations referred back to Cabinet. Should Scrutiny make no recommendations, the matter would be considered as agreed.
- (3) 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 to allow the report to be considered by Resources Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 10th June 2026.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To bring matters to the attention of Cabinet, in line with corporate objectives.
- (2) To enable Cabinet to maintain a continued focus on the management of sickness absence throughout all services of the Council, to consider the report and seek the views of the Scrutiny Committee.
- (3) To allow the reference from Cabinet to be considered by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

#### **C290 BARRY MAKING WAVES LEVELLING UP FUND UPDATE REPORT (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to provide an update on The Mole and the Dock Office projects. Those projects were being funded via the Council's Levelling Up Grant Fund. They shared that they were excited to bring this report, updating around major improvements subject to planning permission being granted.

They shared that the Dock Office would be a business centre, and that they were currently tendering for an operator to manage this scheme, but that there was a

phased procurement process to follow, and that the final staff working within the building had now left, meaning work could start imminently. They noted the interchange had been developed on the basis that this scheme would be forthcoming, and that the longer-term plan was beginning to be delivered.

They noted that The Mole would become a water sports centre, and that the Council was working alongside Cardiff and Vale College to support with training and skills, whilst noting that the final stage of the development included the building of housing. They further said that there had been significant regeneration in Barry since 2013 through various different schemes.

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 arrangements and progress being made in respect of the Barry Making Waves projects be endorsed.
- (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, Chief Executive, Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to negotiate and agree contractual terms and conditions through the procurement process, and following completion of that process, to select the preferred operator and award the contract for the Dock Office, in connection with the development and delivery of the Barry Making Waves' Y Barri Creu Tonnau' Levelling Up project.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to complete and execute the contract and any associated legal documentation on behalf of the Council.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To apprise Cabinet of the current position regarding the projects and funding from UK Government.
- (2) To enable the procurement process for the Dock Office to progress efficiently through to completion, including the finalisation of contractual arrangements and award of contract, without the need for further Cabinet approvals at each stage; to ensure that appropriate governance and oversight was maintained through the requirement for consultation with the Executive Leader, relevant Cabinet Member, Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer in relation to the agreement of contractual terms and selection of the preferred bidder; to support the timely delivery of the Barry Making Waves / Y Barri Creu Tonnau Levelling Up Fund project by facilitating the appointment of an operator as a key component of bringing the Dock Office into operation; and to ensure compliance with procurement

requirements while retaining sufficient flexibility to conclude the ongoing procurement process and respond to matters arising during the procurement process.

(3) To authorise the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to execute the contract and associated legal documentation on behalf of the Council in accordance with established governance arrangements.

**C291 PRIDE IN PLACE PROGRAMME - BARRY (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to seek Cabinet endorsement of the Barry Plan for Neighbourhood Board 4-Year Regeneration Plan 2026-2030 and 10-Year Vision, developed by the Barry Neighbourhood Board and approved by UK Government for the purposes of the Pride in Place Programme. They shared the Plan was for £20m over 10 years, with £2m per annum starting next year, with the Board overseeing the work which was fed into by various action groups who were developing plans and had already had success in installing outdoor electrical power points to support events which brought people to the area. They noted that the Council provided the governance for the programme, including legal and financial responsibilities.

The Deputy Leader reflected it was great to see the sub groups all working to the common goal of improving the area, and that it was great to see the objectives of people feeling safer in Barry; people having vibrant places to shop, work and enjoy; people were active in, and proud of, their community; young people could fulfil their potential; and people having access to quality jobs.

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 Barry Plan for Neighbourhoods 4-Year Regeneration Plan 2026-2030 and the 10-Year Vision, be endorsed as Board-approved plans for the Pride in Place Programme.

(2) T H A T the Chief Executive and/or Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Director of Place and Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services, be authorised to enter into and sign the Pride in Place Programme Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Secretary of State and the Barry Neighbourhood Board, and to agree any non-material amendments required to complete that document.

(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, Chief Executive, Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Monitoring

Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to take all necessary actions to implement the Council's accountable body responsibilities for the programme.

(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, Chief Executive, Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to approve and amend, where necessary, the governance, assurance and resource arrangements required to assess, support and monitor projects and investments approved by the Barry Neighbourhood Board, including optional use of the Investment Advisory Panel for major or higher-risk proposals.

(5) 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, Chief Executive, Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to submit, agree and amend monitoring returns, statements of grant usage, change control requests and any other documentation required by UK Government in relation to the programme.

(6) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, complete and execute all required legal documentation associated with the programme, including the local working protocol or MoU between the Council and the Barry Neighbourhood Board, funding agreements, grant agreements and third-party delivery agreements, in consultation with the Director of Place and Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer.

(7) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, Chief Executive, Director of Place and Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to approve additions, deletions or transfers to or from the Capital Programme for the Pride in Place Programme where required, subject to annual grant determinations and confirmation that no unfunded commitment was created for the Council without separate approval.

(8) T H A T Cabinet would receive an annual update report on programme delivery, expenditure, assurance and performance.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To recognise the strategic direction developed by the Barry Neighbourhood Board and approved by UK Government, recognising that the priorities within both documents aligned strongly and add value to the work of Vale 2030.

(2) To enable the Council, as accountable body, to satisfy the requirements for release of programme funding and put in place the formal arrangements required by UK Government.

(3) To ensure the Council could discharge its compliance, assurance, monitoring and delivery support responsibilities efficiently throughout the programme period.

- (4) To ensure that the Board's independent decision-making role was supported by proportionate Council assurance arrangements covering value for money, deliverability, risk and compliance.
- (5) To enable the Council to meet UK Government monitoring, reporting and change control requirements in a timely way.
- (6) To ensure the Council had appropriate legal documentation in place to manage risk and support compliant delivery of Board-approved projects.
- (7) To enable the Council to reflect the capital and revenue profile of the grant in its financial systems and Capital Programme while protecting the Council from unapproved financial exposure.
- (8) To provide ongoing transparency and Member oversight of the Council's accountable body role and the progress of the Barry Plan for Neighbourhoods.

**C292      ACTIVE TRAVEL NETWORK MAP UPDATE 2026 (DL/SP)  
(SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Deputy Leader presented the report to seek approval to publish the updated Active Travel Network Map (ATNM) and proceed to the required 12-week statutory public consultation in summer 2026, after which final amendments would be made prior to submission to Welsh Ministers by December 2026.

The Deputy Leader shared that there had been 174 consultation responses across various channels, which had been considered on a thematic basis and informed the update.

The Leader noted that active travel related to all modes of alternative transport including mobility scooters and skateboards, helping a range of people get out and about, and that the Council had committed to increasing funding for resurfacing of these routes.

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 amended Active Travel Network Map (ATNM) be approved for statutory consultation through online and in person events.
- (2) T H A T the submission of revised ATNM's to Welsh Government be approved before December 2026, subject to no further changes following statutory public consultation.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To fulfil the Council's statutory duty under the Active Travel (Wales) 2013 Act.
- (2) To ensure the Council met the submission deadline date of 1st December 2026.

**C293      LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLAN (DL/SP) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Deputy Leader presented the report to update Cabinet on the delivery of the Vale of Glamorgan Local Area Energy Plan Local Actions, following an invitation from Cardiff Capital Region to all Authorities to update their plans. They explained that the Local Area Energy Plan was developed to provide an evidence-based understanding of the Vale of Glamorgan's existing energy baseline, the scale of change required, and the actions needed to support a transition to a net zero energy system by 2050, and that responsibility for delivery was shared across a broad range of stakeholders at local, regional and national levels including Welsh Government, Cardiff Capital Region, Distribution Network Operators, energy providers, businesses, public sector partners, community organisations and residents.

They reflected that the main changes to the Local Area Energy Local Actions were focused on making the plan more deliverable, current, and aligned with the Council's role, resources, and wider policy framework. The original 2024 plan set out a broad range of actions to support the transition to a net zero local energy system. The updated version retained the overall strategic direction approved by Cabinet but refined several actions so that they better reflected current progress, known constraints, delivery responsibilities, and opportunities for partnership working.

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 the updated Local Area Energy Plan Local Actions for the Vale of Glamorgan, as set out in the report, be approved.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place, in consultation with Project Zero Board, the Local Area Energy Plan Steering Group and Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, to review and recommend sign off amendments to the Local Area Energy Plan and action plan
- (4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Council's Project Zero Board, the Local Area Energy Plan

Steering Group and Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, to develop performance and reporting frameworks for the plan.

(5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, to approve future amendments to the Local Area Energy Plan and action plan, following consultation with Project zero and the steering group.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the updated Local Area Energy Plan Local Actions, its purpose, key findings, and implications for the Vale of Glamorgan.

(2) To formally adopt the updated plan as the Council's strategic framework for decarbonising the local energy system and guiding local energy planning in support of the Vale of Glamorgan's transition to net zero.

(3) To ensure that minor or operational updates to Local Area Energy Plan actions were subject to appropriate cross-service and partner oversight, while maintaining alignment with Project Zero objectives and avoiding unnecessary escalation to Cabinet.

(4) To establish clear monitoring and reporting arrangements for the Local Area Energy Plan. Involving the Local Area Energy Plan Steering Group would help ensure the framework was practical, evidence-based, and supported accountability, progress tracking, and reporting through the appropriate governance routes.

(5) To enable timely and proportionate updates to the Local Area Energy Plan in response to changing evidence, policy, funding, technology, or delivery requirements, while retaining Member oversight and avoiding delay to delivery.

#### **C294 OBJECTION REPORT: DRYDEN ROAD, PENARTH – PROPOSED SCHOOL STREET TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (NBS) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to advise Cabinet of objections received following the statutory consultation on the proposal to make permanent the School Street closure on Dryden Road, Penarth. They shared this change was brought about due to an increased number of cars and near misses, and would seek to make the route restricted for 1¼ hours in the morning and an hour in the afternoon on Monday to Friday during term time, with the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to monitor and residents or visitors having access to permits if required. They noted there had been three objections to the proposal, with responses included within the report.

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 objections received in relation to the proposed permanent Traffic Regulation Order for the School Street closure on Dryden Road, Penarth be noted.
- (2) T H A T having considered the objections, the proposal to make the School Street Traffic Regulation Order on Dryden Road, Penarth permanent be approved and authorised the Order to be made and implemented.
- (3) T H A T all objectors and relevant stakeholders be notified of Cabinet's decision.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure Cabinet fulfilled its statutory duty to consider all objections and relevant evidence prior to determining whether the Traffic Regulation Order should be made
- (2) To enable the permanent Traffic Regulation Order to be made and implemented, reflecting the positive outcomes of the experimental period, the results of statutory consultation, and the assessment of objections received.
- (3) To ensure transparency, procedural fairness, and effective communication by formally notifying objectors and relevant stakeholders of Cabinet's decision and the reasons for it.

**C295 BELLE VUE PAVILION – OPERATING MODEL AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS (LSW) (SCRUTINY – LIVE WELL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek Cabinet approval for a strengthened internal operating model for Belle Vue Pavilion that addressed the shortcomings of interim arrangements, responded to the outcome of the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) assessment, met funding and legal obligations, and maximised long-term community benefit in line with the Council's Vale 2030 priorities.

The Leader reflected that they were in favour of CATs where they could move forward sustainably, and that the proposed approach outlined seemed a positive direction and were looking forward to seeing how this progressed in seeking positive outcomes for the community.

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 adoption of a strengthened internal operating model for Belle Vue Pavilion be approved, with operational responsibility led by Libraries and Cultural Services and property compliance retained by Corporate Landlord.
- (2) T H A T the outcome of the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Stage 2 assessment undertaken in accordance with the Council's CAT framework be noted, which had informed the recommended operating model.
- (3) T H A T the Big Fresh Catering Company continue as café operator subject to the completion of a revised formal operating agreement on a full cost-recovery basis, and approval by the Big Fresh Catering Company Board of Directors.
- (4) T H A T the implementation of a structured programme of community, cultural and wellbeing activity, supported by a transparent tiered pricing framework, be approved.
- (5) T H A T a phased approach to early-evening use of Belle Vue Pavilion through the proportionate use of Temporary Event Notices (TENs) be approved, subject to licensing requirements and operational oversight.
- (6) T H A T annual performance reporting on the operation of Belle Vue Pavilion would be provided to Cabinet, covering financial performance, usage patterns, community and wellbeing outcomes, compliance with National Lottery funding conditions and alignment with Vale 2030 priorities.
- (7) T H A T a formal review of the strengthened operating model after 12 months of operation be approved.
- (8) T H A T the Head of Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Director of Learning and Skills, be authorised to implement the approved operating model and make minor operational amendments as required, subject to compliance with National Lottery funding conditions and relevant governance approvals.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide clear and accountable operational leadership for the Pavilion within an established Council service that had the capacity, experience, and governance arrangements necessary to manage a community-facing asset, ensure statutory compliance, deliver inclusive programming and support long-term financial sustainability in line with Vale 2030 objectives.
- (2) To provide transparency over the assessment of the CAT proposal, ensure alignment with the Council's adopted CAT framework, and mitigate financial, governance and compliance risks by establishing a stable operating model before considering any future transfer of operational responsibility.
- (3) To secure continuity of service and retain an established anchor tenant while strengthening financial transparency, reducing financial exposure for the Council and

ensuring that café operations contribute fairly to shared building costs and the overall sustainability of the Pavilion.

(4) To ensure equitable access to the Pavilion, improve consistency and transparency in pricing, support delivery of preventative wellbeing and cultural outcomes, and enable income generation that contributes to long-term financial sustainability without excluding community use.

(5) To allow controlled testing of early-evening activity in a way that balanced community use, licensing compliance, safety and risk management, while providing flexibility to respond to demand and build evidence before any longer-term changes were considered.

(6) To strengthen governance and transparency, provide Cabinet with appropriate oversight of a publicly funded community asset, and ensure that the Pavilion's operation continued to deliver value for money, community benefit and strategic outcomes.

(7) To enable systematic evaluation of the model based on operational evidence, stakeholder feedback and financial performance, and to inform any future refinements, including potential alternative arrangements for community involvement where appropriate.

(8) To ensure efficient and timely implementation of the approved model while maintaining appropriate governance safeguards and compliance with funding, legal, and constitutional requirements.