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Item Type	Part I
Report Title:	Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual Statement 2026/2027
Portfolio Holder:	Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources
Lead Officer:	Chief Executive

1.0 What is this report about?

1.1 The Vale of Glamorgan’s Annual Statement 2026/27 has been informed by the five Directorate Plans for 2026/27, resident feedback and political priorities. The Annual Statement highlights some of the key areas of focus the Council expects to deliver in 2026/27. The Annual Statement is aligned to the Council’s Well-being Objectives and Vale 2030 commitments, is reflective of the annual budget and will be used to frame our progress informing the Annual Self-Assessment.

2.0 What are the Recommendations?

	Recommendations – What and How?	Reason for Recommendation – Why?
2.1	That Cabinet reviews and approves the Vale of Glamorgan Annual Statement 2026/27.	To provide an overview of the Council’s key areas of focus in 2026/27 which will deliver the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s Vale 2030 commitments.

3.0 What is the background to this report?

- 3.1 Vale 2030 is a key means of the Council meeting its statutory obligations under the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and directly informs the Council's annual planning. The corporate framework of performance and Directorate Plans are developed in line with Vale 2030, with the Annual Statement reflecting these in-year priorities.
- 3.2 On 16th April Cabinet considered the five Directorate Plans for 2026/27. These set out how each Directorate will contribute to the wide range of commitments set out in Vale 2030 and their contribution to each of the five well-being objectives. The Annual Statement 2026/2027 reflects these directorate level commitments to provide a high-level summary of the work that will be undertaken across the Council in 2026/27. Progress against the Annual Statement will be measured through the performance measures and associated targets set out in each Directorate Plan.
- 3.3 To strengthen the delivery of these commitments and outcomes, new performance arrangements were introduced in 2025/26. This includes a refreshed [mid-year \(Q2\) performance report](#) format which enables Members to holistically review progress through the lens of the three annual self-assessment questions. This approach aligns with the Q4 annual self-assessment report, providing both an end of year performance overview and an overall evaluation of the Council's progress against its performance requirements.
- 3.4 A new Power BI dashboard has also been developed which presents a high-level summary of progress aligned to the five well-being objectives. The dashboard enables Members to explore more detailed contextual information, including commentary on measures and actions, to support their scrutiny role. It will continue to be refined throughout the year, informed by feedback from officers and elected Members. [Quarterly Power BI performance reports can be accessed throughout the year using this link.](#)

4.0 What issues are there to be considered?

- 4.1 The Annual Statement 2026/27 (Appendix A) forms a key part of these arrangements to deliver the Council's Vale 2030 commitments. The Annual Statement translates the actions that are set out in Vale 2030 and the 2026/27 Directorate Plans into high level deliverables that are easy to understand and that will be considered as part of the Annual Self-Assessment 2026/27. This is the second Annual Statement developed as part of Vale 2030 and builds on the work undertaken to deliver the 2025/26 Annual Statement.
- 4.2 The Annual Statement reflects the feedback that has been received through our engagement and consultation work, including the results of the most recent Let's Talk Residents Survey 2024/25. The statement has also been informed by the findings of the Annual Self-Assessment 2024/25, the Council's annual budget, and the administration's' political priorities.

4.3 A key purpose of the Annual Statement is to highlight the key aspects of work that the residents and visitors to the Vale of Glamorgan can expect the Council to deliver in 2026/27. Detailed information on how these commitments will be taken forward is set out within the five Directorate plans, the Statement is a tool through which these commitments can be communicated clearly. Progress against all directorate plan activities will be reported to Members via the Q2 Performance Report and Annual Self-Assessment Reports.

4.4 Cabinet is asked to review and approve the Vale of Glamorgan Annual Statement 2026/27.

5.0 How evidence has been used to inform the report, including the views of others?

5.1 The Annual Statement 2026/27 is reflective of engagement and consultation feedback that has been received in the last year, including the findings of the Let's Talk Residents Survey. The Annual Statement builds upon the outcomes-based reporting that is central to Vale 2030, and the data and evidence used to inform and monitor the progress of Vale 2030.

6.0 Next Steps

6.1 Subject to Cabinet approval, the Annual Statement 2026/27 will be published online and promoted through the Council's website and social media. This will further develop an understanding of the work the Council will deliver in line with Vale 2030 over the next year. Progress will be reported and scrutinised formally as described in this report.

7.0 How does this report support the Vale 2030 and Reshaping?

7.1 The Annual Statement 2026/27 forms a key part of the Council's work to take forward Vale 2030. It ensures that the detailed work taken forward to deliver Vale 2030 outlined in the Directorate Plan 2026/27 is easily accessible and that the linkages between Vale 2030 and our Directorate actions and measures are set in easily accessible context.

7.2 A number of priorities set out in the Annual Statement directly link to the delivery of the Reshaping Programme. This includes investment in parks, country parks and resorts, making services more accessible, responsive and financially sustainable, supporting schools to deliver balanced budgets and reducing the carbon emissions in our supply chain.

8.0 How does this support the Five Ways of Working?

8.1 Vale 2030 details how the Council will contribute to the national Well-being Goals as required by the Well-being of Future Generations Act through the delivery of the Well-being Objectives contained in the plan. Vale 2030 has been developed in accordance with the five ways of working and they are also reflected in the content of the plan. There is a strong emphasis on collaboration as the Council recognises the need to work with partners to deliver services and improve local well-being. The Plan reflects the importance of

prevention and many of the activities in the plan contribute to longer term issues, for example, tackling deprivation, climate change, physical and mental well-being. The development of Vale 2030 was informed by work with officers from The Future Generations Commissioner's Office who have encouraged and supported a greater focus on Futures thinking.

- 8.2 The involvement of partners and stakeholders in the delivery of the Plan is critical to its success as is the need to work in a more integrated way, recognising the connections across Council services and with other partners.
- 8.3 Directorate Plans, through planned activities for 2026/27 aim to reflect an integrated approach, demonstrating the way in which services are embedding the "five ways of working" as introduced by the Act.
- 8.4 By setting consistently challenging yet realistic steps and performance targets, the Council is able to clearly demonstrate progress towards achieving its Wellbeing Objectives in Vale 2030 and contribute to the national goals.

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9.0 Finance

- 9.1 The Council's priorities as outlined in Vale 2030 have resources committed to their achievement and the extent and scale to which these can be delivered over the five years is dependent upon the availability of funding, with the annual budget review process being informed by the priorities the organisation is seeking to achieve.
- 9.2 Directorate Plans include information relating to the use of financial, asset, digital and people resources and how these are being deployed to support the delivery of the Council's Well-being Objectives in Vale 2030.

10.0 Workforce

- 10.1 There are no direct employment implications associated with this report. However, there are a number of challenges and risks associated with the delivery of our Well-being Objectives, reflected in Vale 2030 and our performance targets, that if not effectively managed have the potential to impact on our staff establishment and performance overall. This may in turn impact adversely on achievement of our Well-being Objectives.

11.0 Legal

- 11.1 Part Six of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 places duties on Local Authorities to keep performance under review through self-assessment and to report on performance.

- 11.2 An integral part of both frameworks is in the development and evaluation of a plan for improvement. For the Council, Vale 2030 sets out the five-year framework, and this will be translated annually into Directorate Plans and an Annual Statement.
- 11.3 Vale 2030 details a series of commitments which the Council intends to focus its attention on during 2025-30 in order to improve the well-being of Vale of Glamorgan citizens. The commitments in Vale 2030 will impact on; everyone who receives a service from the Council; Vale of Glamorgan residents; unemployed adults; Looked After Children, vulnerable young people; adults in receipt of care; older people; children and adults with a disability, school children, housing tenants.

12.0 **Key Contacts**

12.1 **Who are the primary officers to contact with any comments and/or queries on the report?**

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Appendix

Appendix A – Annual Statement 2026/27.

Background Documents

[Directorate Plans 2026/27: Year 2 Activities, Performance Measures and Performance Targets supporting delivery of Vale 2030.](#)

[Vale 2030](#)

‘Delivering a bright future’

Annual Statement 2026-27

Vale 2030 is the Council’s Plan for 2025-2030. It sets an ambitious programme of work to deliver our vision of Strong Communities with a Bright Future.

Through Vale 2030, we have five Objectives to take forward our work. Here are some of the things you can expect to be delivered in 2026-2027.

1. Complete the new brand-new school builds at Ysgol Llyn Derw and St Richard Gwyn, make further progress at Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg and start work on Sully Primary.
2. Improve school attendance and support for those with additional learning needs to deliver the best possible outcomes for all pupils.
3. Work collaboratively to support schools to deliver balanced budgets.
4. Invest in youth services by expanding front-line services across the whole county, increasing the focus on post-16 support, developing a youth village in Pencoedre, more outdoor opportunities and alternative education pathways to support more young people and make sure their voices are heard.
5. Introduce a new street scene service across the county that is more responsive for residents and leads to cleaner local environments and town centres.
6. Reduce carbon emissions in our supply chains by using data to make more climate-friendly buying decisions.
7. Expand the weekly soft plastics recycling service to all Vale residents following the successful trial last year.
8. Continue the council house building programme, completing the temporary housing scheme at Cadoxton House and older persons accommodation in Cowbridge, whilst beginning work on more family housing at Hayeswood Road in Barry and older persons accommodation in Penarth.

9. Submit the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) to Welsh Government setting out a framework for sustainable growth.
10. Deliver improvements to the look and feel of all four towns through Transforming Towns funding and complete our programme of public toilet refurbishment by improving facilities in Albert Road, Penarth.
11. Invest in parks, country parks and resorts across the Vale, including a refurbished splashpad and skate park at Pencoedtre in Barry, open space improvements at Palmerston and Bendricks Road, the full refurbishment and extension of Cog Road play area in Sully and improvements at Seel Park in Dinas Powys.
12. Convert the Barry Dock Office into start-up business space and begin developing the Water Sports Centre and Mole that will provide enhanced leisure facilities and more housing, including affordable homes, at Barry Waterfront.
13. Invest in public transport services in the rural Vale which makes accessing services and work more convenient.
14. Extend our work in partnership to focus on tackling poverty, working with those most in need.
15. Support 50% more people to live independently by expanding our reablement services and other ways of caring for people.
16. Make it easier to access advice, support and employment services by improving how we join up our services and those of our partners and make further improvements to the accessibility of information on the Council's website.
17. Deliver a new communications strategy which increases opportunities for residents to get involved, share views and shape our work.
18. Make our services more accessible, responsive, and financially sustainable through our transformation programme, Reshaping.

How will you know how we are doing?

This is just an overview of some of the key work we will focus on this year.

More detail about this work and our further commitments can be found in five Directorate Plans which show how each part of the Council will be making their contribution.

We regularly keep our progress under review by our Strategic Leadership Team, Cabinet and Elected Members. You will see regular reports on our performance and information on our social media.

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