

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026

REFERENCE FROM PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 22ND SEPTEMBER 2026

249 [UPDATE REPORT: RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY \(2022-2032\) \(DEH\)](#) –

The report provided an update on the progress made in delivering the Recycling and Waste Management Strategy (2022-2032). It also identified the actions required to ensure the Council continued to meet its statutory obligations, recycling targets and wider environmental objectives as well as incorporating proposed key mitigating actions and provided an update on recycling and waste service performance together with progress on strategic projects and initiatives designed to improve operational efficiency, service resilience and performance.

The report provided an update on emerging legislative and policy developments, including the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), Digital Waste Tracking, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), future recycling targets and the proposed inclusion of Energy from Waste facilities within the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), all of which were expected to influence future service delivery and recycling performance.

In addition, the report highlighted a number of future opportunities for additional services and facilities as well as highlighting risks and budgetary challenges facing the service and outlines factors that were likely to affect future performance, operational delivery and financial sustainability.

Committee was asked to consider and subsequently request Cabinet approval to progress the development and construction of the proposed Fleet Parking Facility at Atlantic Trading Estate, subject to the receipt of Planning consent, together with any relevant recommendations. The development formed a key component of the Council's long-term waste management infrastructure programme and was expected to deliver operational efficiencies, financial savings and carbon reduction benefits whilst improving the resilience and sustainability of the frontline service.

A detailed presentation was given to the Committee in order to support the report and its proposals / findings, and to further inform the Committee of the key areas of progress, performance, proposals, future service developments, infrastructure proposals, legislation, as well as next steps and challenges around the Strategy and waste / recycling collection and processing in the Vale of Glamorgan, which would assist the Committee in its consideration and scrutiny of this topic.

During the presentation, various Members of the Committee raised a wide range of queries and comments which were addressed by the Head of Neighbourhood Services. Contributions were also made by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services, the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Member.

Following discussion of the item and the points raised as part of this, Committee

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made in delivering the Recycling and Waste Management Strategy (2022-2032), including service performance, legislative developments and strategic infrastructure projects detailed within the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the updated Recycling and Waste Management Strategy (2022-2032) Action Plan, attached at Appendix A to the report, be endorsed.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for their consideration, including Recommendations 2.4 – 2.8 of the report, specific to the Cabinet and their consideration, and that Cabinet notes the progress made in delivering the Recycling and Waste Management Strategy (2022-2032), including service performance, legislative developments and strategic infrastructure projects detailed within this report.
- (4) T H A T with regard to Recommendation 2.8 of the report, the wording be changed to the following, for Cabinet’s consideration:

“That Cabinet considers the construction of the proposed fleet parking facility at Atlantic Trading Estate and authorises the works to commence for phase one of the scheme subject to the receipt of the necessary planning permissions, statutory approvals and funding arrangements. That Cabinet also recognises that in order to maximise the productivity and efficiency benefits realised by Phase 1 that capital funding of approximately £1.2m would be required to take Phase 2 forward and that Cabinet should consider this when considering the proposal concerning Phase 1.”

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report, presentation and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To ensure the Strategy continues to reflect progress made to date, emerging legislative requirements, changing priorities and future service developments.
- (3) To update Cabinet on the progress made since approval of the Strategy and the challenges and opportunities facing the service. To consider and approve the report as well as Recommendations 2.4 – 2.8.
- (4) To enable the Council to progress the delivery of the fleet parking facility in the most cost-effective and efficient manner, improving operational resilience, reducing vehicle movements and carbon emissions, and supporting the long-term infrastructure requirements of the Recycling and Waste Management Service.

Attached as Appendix – Report to Place Scrutiny Committee: 22nd September 2026