

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: 2ND JULY, 2026

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 25TH JUNE, 2026

“C13 REVIEW OF WAYS OF WORKING WITH TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – NO RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to explore how the Principal Council and Town and Community Councils could build upon existing relationships and explore how those could be further improved noting the pressures currently being experienced by both tiers of government with a proposed roadmap for delivery.

The Deputy Leader looked forward to seeing how the pieces of work would develop going forward.

Councillor Wilson said it was important to engage further with Members of Town and Community Councils, continuing with partnership working amongst the four towns with the Placemaking agenda and continuing to consult with communities. There would also be an opportunity to refresh and revise ways of working following the 2027 local elections.

Referring to the placemaking work that had taken place in Llantwit Major town, Councillor Williams commended the work undertaken by the Placemaking teams which had seen positive impact within the town. Projects had undergone consultation and local residents came together to shape the way forward, including major improvement in the lift facilities at the Town Hall and the Community Hub as a collaboration between the bowls and tennis clubs. The One Week Town Boost was able to find quick wins that promoted visible signs of change within the town such as the refurbished toilet block and improvements to the street scene. The Town Council had also reinstated the town study group. Councillor Williams thanked all staff concerned for bringing the work together.

Councillor Birch had attended the Llantwit Major Town Boost and was impressed with the numbers of people who wanted to get involved and for the community to come together and express what it wanted to see in the town. Penarth Town Council said it was important to establish how communication between the larger and smaller Council would operate and looked forward to the discussion that would take place at Community Liaison Committee.

The Leader said although there was a framework to work with, there had to be some flexibility to be able to tailor matters to the needs of each town and 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 existing ways of working be noted and the need to review ways of working with Town and Community Councils as outlined within the report be endorsed.
- (2) T H A T the provisional plan for reviewing ways of working with Town and Community Councils as outlined in Appendix A be endorsed.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to the next meeting of Community Liaison Committee for further consideration, and then subsequently shared with all Town and Community Councils and One Voice Wales to harness further views.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To demonstrate support for the change in strategic approach to working with Town and Community Councils.
- (2) To demonstrate support for the delivery plan detailing working with Town and Community Councils.
- (3) To allow for representatives of Principal Council, Town and Community Council and One Voice Wales to provide their feedback ahead of implementation.”