

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 13TH JULY, 2026

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 16TH APRIL, 2026

**“C265 LOCAL GROWTH FUND IN WALES – VALE OF GLAMORGAN
(EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE)**

The Leader presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to accept and deliver Year 1 (2026/27) of the Local Growth Fund in Wales programme in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Acceptance of the Recommendations by Cabinet would enable the Council to begin project mobilisation in line with the Local Growth Fund Investment Plan's objectives for Wales, prioritising business competitiveness and Research and Development, skills and employment and strategic infrastructure.

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 Vale of Glamorgan's 2026/27 Local Growth Fund in Wales allocation up to £4.2m (currently estimated to be £3,630,560) be accepted.

(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, the Chief Executive, Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services) to approve the use of Local Growth Fund for internal and externally commissioned projects.

(3) T H A T the Director of Place (in consultation with the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services) be authorised to negotiate terms and conditions for the appointment of third-party suppliers/providers for internal and externally commissioned projects, as necessary.

(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 submit and take all necessary actions to finalise a year 1 delivery plan with the Lead Body (Rhondda Cynon Taff

County Borough Council) (RCTCBC), linked to the Local Growth Fund funding allocation on behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

(5) T H A T in pursuance of Resolution (3), the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services (in consultation with the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer) be authorised to prepare, complete, and execute the required legal documentation to enable third-party suppliers/providers to be appointed for internal and externally commissioned projects, where necessary.

(6) 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, the Chief Executive, Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services) to approve any changes to governance and resources structures to assess and determine applications from third parties to use the Local Growth Fund in Wales Allocation.

(7) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, complete, and execute the required legal documentation with third party grant applicants.

(8) 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 undertake all necessary actions to agree the terms of the Service Level Agreement with the Lead Body (RCTCBC) for the Local Growth Fund in Wales allocation.

(9) 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, and Director of Place) to approve additions, deletions, or transfers to or from the Capital Programme for the Local Growth Fund in Wales where required.

(10) T H A T the ongoing use of the current governance structures in place for the delivery of the Shared Prosperity Fund be authorised. The Shared Prosperity Fund panel would be renamed the Local Growth Fund panel and would have oversight of the 1-year programme.

(11) 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 enable the timely commencement of the Local Growth Fund in Wales programme for 2026/27.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To provide continuity between Shared Prosperity Fund and Local Growth Fund programmes, as directed by Welsh Government, by utilising existing delivery structures during the transition year.

- (2) To obtain authority to approve the use of the Local Growth Fund in Wales allocation for internal and externally commissioned projects.
- (3) To obtain authority to appoint third-party suppliers/providers for internal and externally commissioned projects, where necessary.
- (4) To enable the approval of the 2026/27 Delivery Plan.
- (5) To obtain authority to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation to enable third-party suppliers/providers to be appointed for internal and externally commissioned projects.
- (6) To obtain authority to approve governance and resources structures to assess and determine applications from third parties to use the Local Growth Fund in Wales allocation.
- (7) To obtain authority to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation with third party grant applicants.
- (8) To obtain authority to negotiate, complete and execute the Service Level Agreement for the Local Growth Fund in Wales allocation for the Vale of Glamorgan with the Lead Body (RCTCBC).
- (9) To obtain authority for the funding to be included within the Capital Programme 2026/27 and maximise the Council's ability to utilise the sum allocated in the best possible manner.
- (10) To allow efficient operational management and compliance with funding conditions.
- (11) To enable the timely commencement of the Local Growth Fund in Wales programme for 2026/27."**

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