

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 5TH OCTOBER, 2026

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 9TH JULY, 2026

**“C28 PRE-CONSULTATION DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2025/26 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – JOINT
PERFORMANCE) –**

The Leader presented the report for Cabinet review and endorsement the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2025/26 as the basis for consultation. (Appendix A).

The report was proposed for consideration at the Performance Joint Scrutiny Committee on 22nd July 2026 and was an opportunity for all Members of the Council to attend and scrutinise the report. Consultation would also take place with Governance and Audit Committee and statutory partners.

Directorates had already carried out a self-evaluation and there had been opportunities for challenge and comments from Cabinet Members and Chairs of Scrutiny Committees to ensure that conclusions were evidence-based after consistent discussion across services.

Appendix A presented a balanced assessment of the Council's performance over the past reporting year, setting out achievements, challenges and areas for improvement.

Section 6 of Appendix A detailed 'Reviewing Our Self-Assessment Approach' which included the previous year's suggestions as to how to improve the process and the relevant response, to work towards improvements in performance and improvements as to how that performance was measured.

Councillor Williams, as the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, said that Social Services had been graded as 'Fair' and faced a number of complex challenges. Major changes had been made to how services were delivered and improvements made in Adult Services to enable faster hospital discharges. New additions included the Vale Family Compass service provided families with a single point to access information and support to younger families and the pre-birth pathway improved early identification and management of risk and supporting better outcomes for children and families. There continued to be workforce challenges but the new "grow your own" development pathways looked to address some of those issues. Social Services continued to be under financial pressure, but the service had provided positive outcomes through prevention and partnership working and was in a good place despite those financial challenges.

The Leader said that the Council continued to have multi-agency approaches to support people in the community within the Community Resource Service and it was often possible to have those discharged from hospital home within 24 hours. The Shared Lives programme continued to be successful, and the Directorate continued to be innovative to support residents of the Vale of Glamorgan and meet the Vale 2030 priorities of supporting the most vulnerable and giving people the best start in life.

Councillor Wilson referred to the Corporate Health indicators on pages 49 to 50 of Appendix A which referred to the Vale of Glamorgan had the least number of fly-tipping incidents in Wales. Recycling data showed that over the last two years the Authority had reached its target of over 70% and thanked the residents and staff for their contributions in achieving that target. Data also showed that staff did not want to leave their work for the Council and would recommend the Council as a good employer and thanked both management and the HR Department for their support on that. He looked forward to the discussion that would take place at Scrutiny.

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 Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2025/26 be endorsed as the basis for consultation (Appendix A).
- (2) T H A T the end of year performance as detailed in the Annual Self-Assessment 2025/26 be noted.
- (3) T H A T the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2025/26 be referred to the Performance Joint Scrutiny Committee (22nd July 2026) and Governance and Audit Committee (21st September 2026) for their consideration as part of the consultation programme, with any views and recommendations referred back to Cabinet for their consideration prior to consideration of the Final Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report on 5th November 2026.
- (4) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be authorised to enable the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment 2025/26 to be referred to the Performance Joint Scrutiny Committee on 22nd July 2026 for consideration, with any recommendations reported back for Cabinet's consideration on 10th September 2026, ahead of consideration of the Final Draft Annual Self-Assessment on 5th November 2026.**

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that consultation was undertaken on the findings of the Council's Annual Self-Assessment in line with requirements of the Local Government &

Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

(2) To ensure performance against the Year 1 Vale 2030 commitments as detailed in the five Directorate Plans for 2025/26 was considered.

(3) To ensure all Scrutiny Committee Members and the Governance and Audit Committee (as per section 114 of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021) had oversight of the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2025/26 and their views inform the Council's approach to meeting the performance requirements.

(4) To ensure that the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2025/26 could be presented to Cabinet in November 2026 for consideration and approval."

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