

<b>Meeting of:</b>	Governance and Audit Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday, 22 June 2026
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee:</b>	Resources Scrutiny Committee
<b>Urgent Decision Procedure Used (If yes, why)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Item Type</b>	Part I
<b>Report Title:</b>	.Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	No relevant Cabinet Member
<b>Lead Officer(s):</b>	Head of Regional Internal Audit Service

## 1.0 What is this report about?

- 1.1 To provide members of the Committee with a tracking record of decisions made and actions requested by the Governance and Audit Committee during the current Municipal Year (May 2026 to May 2027) and also for any outstanding recommendations relating to previous years.

## 2.0 What are the Recommendations?

	<b>Recommendations – What and How?</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation – Why?</b>
1	That the Governance and Audit Committee notes the contents of the report and makes comments as appropriate.	To advise the Governance and Audit Committee of progress in relation to its decisions and actions requested.
2	That the response letter from the then Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government (Appendix C), concerning the financial impact of the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Act 2026, be considered.	To advise the Governance and Audit Committee of the response received from the then Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

### **3.0 What is the background to this report?**

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 23rd September, 2024, Members of the Governance and Audit Committee requested a tracking log / record in order to monitor the progress and outcomes of all formal decisions it had made during the Municipal Year in exercising its functions.
- 3.2 Subsequently, a Decision Tracking record has been devised and populated by Democratic Services.

### **4.0 What issues are there to be considered?**

- 4.1 A record of the outstanding formal decision/resolution made by the Governance and Audit Committee made during the 2024/25 Municipal Year is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.2 Appendix B is a record of decisions/resolutions for the previous Municipal Year 2025/26, also including informal actions raised by Committee members during meetings. It provides an update on progress of each resolution and action raised.
- 4.3 The Committee is recommended to note the update positions provided in Appendices A and B and make comments, as appropriate.
- 4.4 At its meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2026, the Committee resolved – “T H A T the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee also write to Welsh Government to express concern that no additional funding has been provided to local authorities in relation to the new piece of legislation”. Appendix C to the report is a response letter received from the then Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government, concerning the financial impact of the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Act 2026.
- 4.5 The response letter outlines that – “A key element of the development of the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Act 2026 was the publication of the Explanatory Memorandum, which includes a detailed Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) (link) which contained a detailed financial assessment of relevant provisions. The RIA makes clear the financial impacts of the Act and identifies the positive financial benefits of the preventative approach the Act promotes”.
- 4.6 The letter also advised that – “Whilst future budgets are a matter for an incoming Government, I am pleased that in financial year 2026-2027 we have provided additional funding in line with the RIA to support the pre-implementation preparation work of local authorities”.
- 4.7 The Governance and Audit Committee is requested to consider the response letter at Appendix C and make comments as it sees appropriate.
- 4.8 It is recommended that the Governance and Audit Committee be kept regularly apprised of all outstanding decisions and / or resolutions and actions.

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

- 5.1 Updates are informed by work undertaken, performance and stakeholder engagement and professional judgement, providing an evidence-based assessment of progress.

### **6.0 Next Steps**

- 6.1 Governance and Audit Committee are requested to consider the actions/recommendation listed within the appendices, and to make commentary as it sees fit.

6.2 Progress update reports will be provided at each Committee meeting, unless a special single item agenda meeting has been scheduled.

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

7.1 The report enables efficient decision making which directly supports service delivery for the Council's Audit Plan and thus implementation of Vale 2030 and the Council's Reshaping Programme.

## **8.0 How does this support the Five Ways of Working?**

8.1 All recommendations are monitored ensuring ongoing oversight, accountability and alignment with the Council's well-being objectives and national well-being goals.

## **Resources**

### **9.0 Finance**

9.1 There are no financial factors to consider as a direct result of this report.

### **10.0 Workforce**

10.1 There are no workforce factors to consider as a direct result of this report.

### **11.0 Legal**

#### **11.1 Does an Equalities Impact Assessment need to be completed? If not, why?**

An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been completed because this report relates solely to the functions of the Governance and Audit Committee and does not propose any changes to policy, service delivery, or operational practices that would give rise to identifiable equality impacts.

### **12.0 Key Contacts**

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

<b>Service Area Officer:</b> Gareth Davies Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer gjdavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk 01446 709249	<b>Democratic Services Officer:</b> Gareth Davies Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer gjdavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk 01446 709249
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## **Appendix**

Appendix A – Decision Tracking 2024/25

Appendix B – Decision Tracking 2025/26

Appendix C – Letter of response from the then Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

## **Background Documents**

none

Meeting Date	Report Title	Resolution by Governance and Audit Committee	Completed/Outstanding
23rd September 2024	GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE SELF-ASSESSMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	Report noted and training programme for members of Governance and Audit Committee to be devised.	<b>ONGOING - TRAINING PROGRAMME DEvised = IMPLEMENTATION DUE.</b>

**DECISION TRACKING RECORD- GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 2025/26**

**APPENDIX B**

Meeting Date	Report Title	Formal Resolution or Informal Action	Resolution or Action requested by Governance and Audit Committee	Completed/Outstanding
21st July 2025	Vale of Glamorgan Council: Review of Arrangements for Commissioning Services	Informal Action	For the full schedule of the areas covered by the review to be shared with Committee members.	<b>COMPLETED - schedule sent to Committee Members - 28th April 2026</b>
15th September 2025	Reporting Arrangements for Joint Committee Meetings	Formal Resolution	T H A T the Council's Head of Democratic Services, alongside the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, undertake a review of outside representatives and lay members within Council Committees in order to increase participation and review their responsibilities, especially regarding the call-in procedure, and to try and increase the participation and representation of members of the public within the Council's processes.	<b>Ongoing - review commencing - outputs to be implemented for 2026/27 Municipal Year.</b>
15th December 2025	Temporary Accommodation: Long Term Crisis?	Formal Resolution	T H A T the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee also write to Welsh Government to express concern that no additional funding has been provided to local authorities in relation to the new piece of legislation.	<b>Ongoing - letter of reply from Welsh Government Minister added as an appendix to the Decision and Action Tracking Report for the meeting scheduled for 22nd June 2026.</b>
23rd February 2026	Corporate Risk: Quarter 3 Update	Formal Resolution	T H A T a report on the risk and governance aspects around the regeneration schemes be provided to Committee at its meeting in June	<b>Ongoing - composite report to be presented to Committee on 20th July 2026.</b>
23rd February 2026	Corporate Risk: Quarter 3 Update	Formal Resolution	T H A T additional information be provided concerning the Task and Finish Group work undertaken by the Start Well Scrutiny Committee around Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and regarding the points raised at the meeting concerning homelessness as part of future reporting	<b>Ongoing - to be presented as part of the Risk Register Update for meeting on 22nd June 2026.</b>
23rd February 2026	Recommendation Monitoring	Formal Resolution	T H A T the Chair / Vice-Chair liaise with Internal Audit Services and Democratic Services regarding any significantly overdue recommendations and, if required, consider calling in any responsible Council officers to address these at the next Committee meeting in June.	<b>COMPLETED - meeting held on 18th May 2026</b>
13th April 2026	Audit Wales: Vale of Glamorgan Council Audit Plan 2026.	Formal Resolution	Report noted and referred to Cabinet	<b>COMPLETED - referred to Cabinet 28th May 2026. Cabinet noted report.</b>
13th April 2026	Audit Wales: Vale of Glamorgan Council Audit Plan 2026.	Informal Action	Scope of the Audit Wales review into Cybersecurity to be sent to Committee Members.	<b>COMPLETED - scope sent to Committee Members - 9th June 2026</b>
13th April 2026	Audit Wales: Vale of Glamorgan Council Audit Plan 2026.	Informal Action	Audit Wales to clarify whether it would be considering the review report produced by Deloitte following the judicial review for the tendering process for the demolition of the former Aberthaw Power Station.	<b>Ongoing - awaiting response from Audit Wales.</b>
13th April 2026	Audit Wales: Vale of Glamorgan Council Audit Plan 2026.	Informal Action	Audit Wales to clarify that regarding the budget setting process for the Corporate Joint Committee, whether it would provide the constituent Authorities with sufficient time or clear information to properly scrutinise the budget, with a possible lack of statutory officer assurance.	<b>Ongoing - awaiting response from Audit Wales.</b>
13th April 2026	Regional Internal Audit Service Charter 2026-27	Formal Resolution	Report approved.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
13th April 2026	Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.	Formal Resolution	T H A T in regard to the South East Wale Corporate Joint Committee, for their Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer to be invited to provide an update overview to the Governance and Audit Committee in relation to progress with the production of their Annual Statement of Accounts.	<b>Ongoing - response received from CJC Section 151 Officer declining invitation as updates on progress will be made through the Section 151 Officers Group.</b>
13th April 2026	Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.	Formal Resolution	T H A T a formal request be made to the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee to provide to the Governance and Audit Committee an unredacted version of the review report produced following the litigation case to the award of the tender for the former Aberthaw Power Station site.	<b>Ongoing - formal request submitted for the report to be shared for the Governance and Audit Committee meeting on 20th July 2026.</b>
13th April 2026	Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.	Formal Resolution	T H A T the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee write to the Auditor General for Wales on behalf of the Committee, expressing concern regarding the £6.5 million payout following the judicial review and ask what actions Audit Wales would be taking to provide reassurance around the public funding that had been lost.	<b>Ongoing - awaiting response from Audit Wales.</b>

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06 May 2026

Dear Gareth,

Thank you for your letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language concerning the financial impact of the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Act 2026. As Cabinet Secretary responsible for this Act, I am providing a response to your correspondence.

A key element of the development of the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Act 2026 was the publication of the Explanatory Memorandum, which includes a detailed Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) ([link](#)) which contained a detailed financial assessment of relevant provisions. The RIA makes clear the financial impacts of the Act and identifies the positive financial benefits of the preventative approach the Act promotes.

A key aim of the Act is focused on early intervention and prevention of homelessness. It is clear that a prevention-based approach is not only less harmful for those experiencing homelessness, but also likely to result in a reduction in the demand for temporary accommodation and therefore a reduction in costs for local authorities. I am delighted to see reductions in the use of temporary accommodation of a small number of authorities who have already begun to prioritise the prevention of homelessness and seen their prevention success rates improve as a result.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Whilst future budgets are a matter for an incoming Government, I am pleased that in financial year 2026-2027 we have provided additional funding in line with the RIA to support the pre-implementation preparation work of local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jayne Bryant**

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