Agenda Item No: 6

Meeting of:	Live Well Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, 10 November 2026
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Live Well Scrutiny Committee
Urgent Decision Procedure Used (If yes, why)	Not applicable
Item Type	Part I
Report Title:	Forward Work Programme 2026/27 Update.
Portfolio Holder:	Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport, and Well-being
Lead Officer(s):	Head of Democratic Services Director of Corporate Resources Director of Social Services Director of Environment & Housing

1.0 What is this report about?

1.1 On 19th May 2026, Members of the Committee approved its Annual Forward Work Programme (FWP) schedule for 2026/27 and agreed the items to be reported as well as topics for Task & Finish review investigations.

1.2 The FWP outlines the agreed agenda for the six formal meetings of the Scrutiny Committee throughout the Municipal year and provides details about any changes.

1.3 This report provides the agreed 6 monthly FWP update.

2.0 What are the Recommendations?

	Recommendations – What and How?	Reason for Recommendation – Why?
1	T H A T the Forward Work Programme appended to the report be agreed, subject	To enable the Scrutiny Committee to approve a programme of work for the forthcoming Municipal year that reflects Members' priorities, ensures effective

	Recommendations – What and How?	Reason for Recommendation – Why?
	to any amendments or suggestions raised by Members at the meeting.	forward planning, and supports the Committee in fulfilling its Scrutiny role.
2	T H A T the agreed Forward Work Programme be published on the Council's website for public information.	To promote openness, transparency and public engagement by providing residents, stakeholders and partner organisations with clear visibility of the Committee's planned work across the Municipal year.
3	T H A T the recommendation tracking information provided within the report, in relation to the Scrutiny Committee, be agreed as an accurate record.	To monitor the tracking of recommendations previously made by the Scrutiny Committee.
4	T H A T the current status in relation to existing Task & Finish Recommendations be endorsed.	To enable effective oversight by the Committee through timely updates on implementation progress.
5	T HA T any potential future Task & Finish review topics, as suggested by Members, be agreed by the Committee.	To enable Members to collectively identify and confirm areas of interest where in-depth scrutiny could add value and contribute to service improvement and policy development and commence the relevant scoping exercise.

3.0 What is the background to this report?

3.1 On 10th April 2025, Cabinet agreed proposals for new Scrutiny arrangements to take affect for the 2025/26 Municipal year, and which were aligned to the new objectives contained within the Council's new Corporate Plan at that time – Vale 2030.

3.2 The new arrangements were subsequently agreed by Council at its meeting held on 28th April 2025, which included a new Committee structure resulting in four objective led Scrutiny Committees.

3.3 2025/26 Municipal Year marked the first year of the new Scrutiny arrangements and an overview of the first year was provided to the Committee at its meeting on 19th May 2026.

3.4 Also, during its meeting held on 19th May 2026, Members of the Live Well Scrutiny Committee were presented with and approved the proposed Annual FWP for 2026/27.

3.5 The FWP belongs to the Elected Members of the Scrutiny Committee and is maintained, in partnership, by the Committee Chair, the lead Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer (DSSO) and relevant Directors. Therefore, the administrative upkeep of the programme is absorbed within day-to-day working practices, and the Chair of each Committee is

encouraged to present this report on behalf of Committee Members.

3.6 In developing the proposed FWP for 2026/27, the Committee's planned areas of Scrutiny have been considered alongside the Cabinet's Annual Strategic Forward Work Programme. As per the link below: https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Cabinet/2026/26-04-16/Cabinet-Annual-Strategic-Forward-Work-Programme.pdf

3.7 This approach helps to support appropriate alignment between Executive decision-making and Scrutiny activity, and to identify opportunities where timely pre-decision Scrutiny may add value.

3.8 The latest iteration of the FWP (at the time of report publication) is attached at **Appendix A** to this report. Any subsequent updates will be presented to the Committee verbally by the DSSO present. The work programme is a proposed list of items for consideration and may be subject to change depending on prevailing circumstance.

3.9 The Council undertakes an Annual Self-Assessment to evaluate how effectively it is delivering its statutory functions, corporate objectives and governance responsibilities. Scrutiny contributes to this process by providing ongoing challenge and oversight through its consideration of performance reports, service updates and delivery plans during the Municipal year. Directors play a key role within Scrutiny Committees by presenting evidence, responding to challenge and providing professional insight, which helps shape the findings and conclusions of the Self-Assessment. Annual Directorate Plans are submitted by each of the Directors, which detail each Directorate's planned in-year priority activities, performance measures and associated performance targets that will contribute to delivery of Vale 2030.

3.10 The Council's Scrutiny arrangements are also supported by a programme of Member Briefing Sessions, which complement formal Scrutiny Committee activity by providing Elected Members with timely information and policy context on key issues. Resources, presentations and materials from these briefing sessions are available to all Elected Members via MemberNet, ensuring consistent access to information and supporting informed engagement across the wider Scrutiny function.

4.0 What issues are there to be considered?

4.1 Task & Finish Working Groups [Investigative]:

4.1.1 The Committee previously identified several potential topics for future Task & Finish work, which were included in the Task & Finish report presented to Cabinet on 16th April 2026. These covered a range of broad topics and the appointed Task & Finish Group agreed to focus on the following topic:

"Barriers to participation for women in physical activity, particularly those aged 18–50, to help address inactivity, sedentary lifestyles and poor health, while also

considering the role of informal organised physical activity in reducing anxiety and loneliness through increased social participation."

4.1.2 Five recommendations were proposed by the Task & Finish Group and agreed by Cabinet on 16th April 2026. These have been referred to the relevant officers for inclusion in future work plans and updates provided below.

Primary Recommendation	**Update**
A digital accessibility and referral review is undertaken for the Council's already existing Sports Club webpage. Through cross team collaboration; the Council's Sport and Dewis Cymru Teams.	This is currently underway in collaboration with the VoG council's communication team on the existing Sports Club web page. While no visible changes have been made at present, the background work is currently underway to address the key points of a user-friendly experience, enhanced search functionality through Dewis Cymru, and give greater prominence to the disclaimer regarding the responsibility of users to assess the suitability of activities.
The current working processes to collate and publish information received within each aforementioned team be merged. Through a cross team review exercise.	It has been highlighted during the Task & Finish discussions that there are challenges in integrating information between the Sports Club webpage and Dewis Cymru. While registration with Dewis Cymru is voluntary, Sports Clubs are encouraged and supported by the Leisure Team to register where possible. Work is underway on exploring the development of a Leisure Services Map, which would enable residents to identify local sports clubs and leisure facilities more easily. In addition, there is potential to align with a project currently being delivered through Cardiff's Public Map Platform, which maps community assets, infrastructure and environmental factors to support service planning and resource allocation. Should the project be successful, this platform could provide a future opportunity to consolidate and

	improve access to information on leisure facilities across the Vale.
A promotional exercise be undertaken in partnership with the Council's Communication Team, once the review of the Sports Club Webpage has been completed, via the following means: a) Email post to the Council's Registered Consultation Group, b) Press release via the Council's Latest News section of the Council's Website, c) Social Media post via the Council's Facebook Channel, d) A copy of this report and subsequent minutes from both the Live Well Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet be forwarded to Glamorgan Voluntary Services for information and passing on to Community Volunteers.	This recommendation is reliant on the completion of tasks in the first 2 recommendations so at present there are no further updates.
Secondary Recommendations	**Update**
That the commentary set out in **paragraph 2.21** be referred to the relevant Lead Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer for inclusion within the next round of Scrutiny Forward Work Programme reports (May 2026 cycle).	Action Complete - Commentary was provided to the Start Well Scrutiny Committee ahead of considering its Annual Forward Work Programme in May 2026.
That the topics set out in **paragraph 2.22** be referred to the Live Well Scrutiny Committee for discussion as potential Task & Finish topics in the future	Action Complete - It was recommended at the May 2026 committee meeting that the Live Well Scrutiny Committee consider a number of potential future Task & Finish topics, including the mental health benefits of play, barriers to participation for people with disabilities, the development of an AI-powered Activity Finder, and improving access to sports kit and equipment to increase participation.

4.1.3 The Live Well Scrutiny Committee has not yet had the opportunity to explore any Task & Finish topics in relation to the Social Services Directorate, despite this directorate covering a large proportion of the Committee's remit.

4.1.4 At the last meeting held on the 19th May 2026, Members were invited to consider the inclusion of a Task & Finish working group topic for Allocations (Homes 4 U) Policy Review: In line with Homelessness and Social Housing Allocations Wales Act 2026. The Committee agreed to add the topic to its FWP subject to the most appropriate start date for the Task & Finish review being confirmed in due course.

The implementation of this legislation has now been delayed until September 2027 by the Welsh Government. As a result, a number of working groups across Wales have been formed to assist in guidance and interpretation of the legislation changes. This in turn means that a Task & Finish review exercise specific to the Vale of Glamorgan on this subject would be premature at this time.

4.1.5 A Task & Finish working group topic suggestion for out of county child placements was also received and shared with relevant service area officers. Officers subsequently advised that elements of the topic were going to change due to Welsh Government legislation. A report is due to be presented to the Committee in the new year (2027) to set out the current position and progress. As such, Members of the Committee are encouraged to engage with said report prior to suggesting any related topics for Task & Finish review, in order to identify the most relevant aspect requiring closer examination.

4.1.6 A proposal for a Task & Finish working group on the topic of Meeting and Welfare Options for Senior Men in the Vale was also received and shared with relevant service area officers.

It was identified within the proposal that men were often the minority in many community groups and social activities, with attendance frequently weighted more heavily towards women.

Officers subsequently advised that, while the Vale of Glamorgan Council recognised this to be an issue it reflected a wider challenge around engaging older men in social opportunities, particularly where loneliness and isolation may already be a concern.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council works in partnership with 'Community Catalysts' that help support people to create small ventures that provide flexible, person-centred support and activities including initiatives aimed at senior men. This is part of a new project led by Social Services Officers who are actively seeking opportunities and individuals who may wish to be supported to establish groups or services that help address the issue raised. Officers would encourage Members to engage through the established initiative, including the website, rather than through the Task and Finish process to avoid duplication of work.

(Website for Community Catalysts: https://www.communitycatalysts.co.uk/our-work/vale-of-glamorgan/)

4.2 **Committee Meetings [Proposal]:**

4.2.1 Members are asked to consider and approve the updated FWP attached at **Appendix A**.

4.2.2 The Committee are asked to approve the updated work programme for publication onto the Council's website and also make suggestions of future report topics that they see have merit in being considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

4.2.3 Following consultation with the Chair, the Committee Meetings scheduled for July and September 2026 were cancelled due to lack of business at that time.

The July meeting had no reports due, as originally presented in the FWP and approved by Members at the 19th May 2026 Meeting.

Only one report was scheduled for the September meeting, *Violence Against Women, Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Revised Strategy Response*. Due to changes introduced by Welsh Government, the report was deferred first to November 2026 and subsequently to March 2027. Therefore, the Chair reluctantly agreed to cancel the meeting as there was insufficient business to consider.

4.2.4 Three reports have been rescheduled from their originally planned meeting dates:

- **Annual Children and Young People Services Placements Review**: This report will now be presented to the Committee on 12th January 2027 to allow for the inclusion of additional data.
- **Request for Consideration Response – Update on Arts and Cultural Services in the Vale**: This report will now be presented to the Committee on 12th January 2027 to allow for the inclusion of additional data.
- **Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Revised Strategy Response**: This report has been deferred and will now be presented at a future meeting in Spring 2027 (Tentatively added to 9th March meeting). This is due to ongoing changes being made by the Welsh Government and the extensive process required to develop and agree a new strategy.

4.2.5 Since 19th May 2026, two additional reports have been added to the FWP. These are:

- Annual Equality Monitoring Report; and
- Welsh Language Promotion Strategy.

Both reports are expected to be present at the next meeting of the Committee in January 2027.

Details of future agenda items are included in **Appendix A** to this report. The appendix outlines the Committee's proposed FWP and provides Members with a schedule of reports and items for future consideration. The programme will remain subject to ongoing review and amendment where appropriate.

4.3 **For Information Reporting [Committee HUB]:**

4.3.1 Since 19th May 2026, the Committee has received a number of for information reports as agreed.

These have been circulated to Members and remain available for reference on the Committee HUB. Details of these reports, together with the dates on which they were issued, are set out in **Appendix A**. These reports have been provided to keep Members informed of relevant developments and matters within the Committee's remit.

4.3.2 Members have been provided with opportunity to raise requests for consideration in relation to the 'For Information' reports circulated to the Committee. To support this process, a link to the Request for Consideration form is included within the notifications issued by DSSO's whenever new information is published on the Committee HUB. This enables Members to highlight matters they wish to be considered in more depth by the committee, as part of its FWP, as well as support open dialogue with relevant service area officers.

4.3.3 Details of items expected to be shared with the Committee for information in the coming months are set out in **Appendix A**, providing Members with an overview of upcoming items.

4.3.4 The Local Housing Market Assessment for information item had slipped from May 2026 to January 2027 by Officer request. Welsh Government were updating the data collection tool and were yet to give a date when this would be complete. So, no further updates were available at this time.

4.3.5 The Committee received a precursor briefing note on VAWDASV that was shared with Members on 1st July 2026. A follow-up report is due to be presented to a Committee meeting in Spring 2027 (Tentatively added to 9th March meeting).

4.3.6 An update in relation to the Vale Alliance has slipped from June 2026 to November 2026 by Officer request. This is due to consultation and subsequent changes to the structure of the management of Primary & Community services in the University Health Board.

4.4 **Member Briefings:**

4.4.1 A Member briefing session was held on 20th May 2026 for Care for Older People and Other Adults.

4.4.2 A Member briefing session was held on 24th September 2026 for Social Work Involvement with Families.

4.5 **Requests for Consideration:**

4.5.1 The Committee received a request for consideration on 13th February 2026 for a museum dedicated to Barry's heritage. The request was referred to the Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources, and a response will be included in the *Update on the Arts and Cultural Services in the Vale* report. Originally scheduled for the November meeting, the report was deferred to allow additional

information to be incorporated and will now be presented at the Committee's meeting on 12th January.

4.6 **Scrutiny Committee Visits:**

4.6.1 On the 19th May 2026, the Committee agreed to arrange a site to the CCTV Control Room in Cardiff which monitors the CCTV Cameras 24 hours a day 7 days a week for the Vale of Glamorgan area. Visits to the CCTV Control Room provided Members with a valuable opportunity to gain a first-hand understanding of how the CCTV service operates, helping to dispel common misconceptions and demonstrating how it supports community safety, crime prevention, enforcement activity, and the protection of vulnerable individuals across the Vale of Glamorgan. These visits took place on 17th and 21st July 2026.

4.7 **Leisure Centre Contract Members Working Group:**

4.7.1 The Live Well Scrutiny Committee Leisure Management Contract Working Group consists of six Elected Members from the Live Well Scrutiny Committee, not subject to political balance. The membership of the Group was updated and agreed at the 19th May 2026 meeting where Councillor I. Buckley took the place of Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards.

4.7.2 Officers hope to facilitate two further leisure visits during the latter months of 2026 to both Penarth and Cowbridge Leisure Centre on the arrival of new equipment and completion of restoration works. Possible dates are currently with the Chair for consideration and Members of the Committee will receive details of these in due course.

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

5.1 **Recommendation/Decision Tracking**

5.1.1 Tracking of the Committee's decisions and subsequent impact continues to be monitored and regularly updated by the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Team. Decision tracking data has been compiled into a PowerBI format and is now continuously available to Members, via MemberNet, as well as to the Public via the Council's Scrutiny webpage. This approach was taken to improve efficiency and transparency in decision making.

5.1.2 The FWP update has been compiled on the basis of consultation with relevant Directors and Service Area Officers and is closely aligned to objectives as contained in the Vale 2030 Corporate Plan.

5.1.3 At the November 2025 meeting, the Committee agreed that a summary of the Decision Tracking Data relevant to the Live Well Scrutiny Committee be presented to the Committee as part of the biannual FWP Monitoring Reports, to provide a six-monthly update to Committee Members, on the data readily available, to maintain an understanding of the Committee's impact in supporting the Council's decision-making processes.

Over the course of the first six months of the Municipal year, the Live Well Scrutiny Committee appointed a Vice-Chair, considered and endorsed the Director's Annual Report subject to a number of amendments, agreed and published its FWP, reviewed progress against existing Task & Finish recommendations, and established the membership of the Leisure Centre Working Group for the remainder of the electoral term. This resulted in six recommendations being raised by the Committee with no recommendations to Cabinet required.

6.0 Next Steps

6.1 Committee Members are requested to consider the FWP biannually at the May and November Committee meetings. After which, the agreed FWP will be published on the Council's website for public information.

6.2 The FWP will continue to reflect the various forms of Scrutiny and be assessed on a regular basis by the Committee Chair:
Investigative (Task & Finish) - Committees can take deeper dives into topics using a range of methods based upon the Committee's FWP and identified priorities.

Proposal (Committee Meetings) - Policies are in development and are seeking Scrutiny feedback and recommendations to help shape the Council's future direction.
For Information Reporting (Committee HUB) - Information only or update items which are for noting and where Scrutiny can add limited value, but the Member request for consideration procedure is used as required.

6.3 Committee Members are encouraged to approach the Committee Chair and/or the lead Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer with any suggestions or queries in relation to the FWP at any time.

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

7.1 Scrutiny Committee FWP's are published by the Council on a biannual basis, via the Scrutiny webpage, which encourages public involvement in the decision making process. The Scrutiny Public Participation Guide is available on the Council's Public Participation Webpage as well as advice on the Scrutiny Request for Consideration process. These methods of engagement support the commitment set out within Vale 2030 to ***'Provide residents with more meaningful and engaging opportunities to participate and have a greater say in our work.'***

7.2 Scrutiny Committees are not the final decision-making authority within the Council but they can raise recommendations, and refer those on, to help improve the Council's work. As such, an interactive tool providing an overview of recommendations made during the Municipal year and the status of those recommendations are readily available to both Elected Members and members of the public. This process supports the commitments set out within Vale 2030 to ***'Improve accountability and transparency by sharing more information about how decisions are made and scrutinised, priorities set, and budgets determined'*** as well as ***'Use digital technology more innovatively to improve services whilst ensuring that services are accessible to everyone.'***

8.0 How does this support the Five Ways of Working?

8.1 **Long Term** - In maintaining an annual FWP, the Scrutiny Committees support the long-term sustainability aims set out in the Council's strategic priorities and the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act. By scheduling key areas of work across the full Municipal year, Committees ensure that oversight is not confined to short term pressures, but instead considers the enduring needs of residents, communities, and services. A year long programme provides the space for continued monitoring of corporate objectives, emerging risks, and evolving policy commitments such as those within the Vale 2030 plan. This long-term approach ensures that Scrutiny activity remains aligned to the Council's vision and contributes to delivering sustainable outcomes across social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being.

8.2 **Prevention** - The structure of a comprehensive annual work programme enables Scrutiny Committees to identify issues early and respond proactively before risks escalate into more significant challenges. By routinely reviewing performance data, service updates, and strategic assessments throughout the year, Committees can highlight areas where preventative action may strengthen service resilience or protect vulnerable groups. This forward-looking method supports the Council's preventative ethos, allowing time for officers, Cabinet, and partners to consider recommendations that address root causes – rather than reacting to problems once they materialise. It also helps ensure that the Council's resources are used effectively by preventing avoidable demand on services later in the year.

8.3 **Integration** - Scrutiny work programmes are designed to reflect and reinforce the interconnected nature of the Council's well-being objectives. By mapping scheduled reports and review activities to wider strategic priorities, Scrutiny Committees help ensure that decisions and service developments are not considered in isolation, but within the broader context of corporate planning, financial strategy, and community outcomes. An integrated programme also supports alignment across Committees, avoiding duplication and strengthening a collective understanding of cross cutting themes such as equalities, climate action, safeguarding, and public participation. This helps Scrutiny play a constructive role in ensuring that the Council's planning and decision making processes remain cohesive and mutually supportive.

8.4 **Collaboration** - A maintained and published FWP encourages collaboration between Scrutiny Members, officers, Cabinet Members, partners, and community stakeholders. By setting out work in advance, officers have clarity on when their insights and expertise will be required, enabling better-prepared reporting and improving the quality of evidence presented to Scrutiny. The programme also creates opportunities for joint work – for example, Task & Finish activity, cross-committee sessions, or engagement with external bodies where partnership approaches can add value. This collaborative ethos enhances both transparency and shared ownership of service improvement, strengthening Scrutiny's role as a constructive, collective mechanism for accountability.

8.5 **Involvement** - Publishing the FWP for the entire Municipal year promotes meaningful public involvement by providing residents and stakeholders with clear visibility of upcoming Scrutiny items. This transparency allows individuals, communities, and partner

organisations to contribute insights, lived experience, or evidence at the most relevant stage of the decision-making cycle. It also supports the commitments within the Council's Public Participation Strategy by offering structured points of engagement throughout the year, rather than on an ad hoc basis. By ensuring that Scrutiny's work is accessible and planned, Committees help extend involvement beyond elected Members, enabling a broader range of voices to influence the Council's work and future direction.

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 and Equalities

11.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been completed because this report relates solely to the Committee's forward work programming arrangements 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?

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Appendix

Appendix A – Live Well Scrutiny Committee FWP 2026/27 (six-monthly) Update.

Background Documents

Live Well Agenda 19 May 2026:
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/minutes,_agendas_and_reports/agendas/Scrutiny-New-2025/Scrutiny-Live-Well/2026/26-05-19.aspx

Live Well Minutes 19 May 2026:
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Scrutiny-New-2025/Scrutiny-Live-Well/2026/26-05-19/Minutes.pdf

Annual Report of Director of Social Services:
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Scrutiny-New-2025/Scrutiny-Live-Well/2026/26-05-19/Annual-Report-of-DSS-2025-26-Challenge-Ver.pdf

First Year Review FWP 2026-27:
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Scrutiny-New-2025/Scrutiny-Live-Well/2026/26-05-19/First-Year-Review-FWP-2026-27.pdf

Index of resource hyperlinks embedded within the report:
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Cabinet/2026/26-04-16/Cabinet-Annual-Strategic-Forward-Work-Programme.pdf
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Cabinet/2026/26-04-16/Directorate-Plans-2026-27.pdf

https://participate.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/petitions

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/Scrutiny/Scrutiny.aspx

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Committee%20Information/Public-Speaking-Guides/25-06-17-Scrutiny-Participation-Guide-Updated.pdf

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/Public-Participation-at-Council-Meetings.aspx

https://valeofglamorgancouncil-customerportal.achieveservice.com/en/AchieveForms/?form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-a7564af5-14e1-40ee-87d9-2a3bc3dc5bef/AF-Stage-b1f7ae81-4534-405f-befa-27d62c1bb5be/definition.json&redirectlink=/en&cancelRedirectLink=/en&consentMessage=yes&noLoginPrompt=1

APPENDIX A

Live Well Scrutiny Committee
Forward Work Programme 2026 - 27

Corporate Plan Objectives	
Supporting and Protecting Those Who Need Us	**Creating Great Places to Live, Work and Visit**
Adult Services, Children and Young People's Services, and Resource Management & Safeguarding, Leisure and Sports.	Libraries, Arts, and Culture, Adult Community Learning, Community Safety, Homelessness, Public Protection – Shared Regulatory Services, and Equalities (external policy)

Cabinet Members	Directors
Cabinet Member – Social Care and Health	Director of Social Services
Cabinet Member - Education, Arts and the Welsh Language	Director of Learning and Skills
Cabinet Member - Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing	Director of Environment and Housing
Cabinet Member - Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement	
Cabinet Member - Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services	

Committee Membership	Democratic Services Contact
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Co-opted Membership	
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Forms of Scrutiny	
Investigative (Task and Finish)	Committees can take deeper dives into topics using a range of methods based upon the Committee's forward work programme and identified priorities.
Proposal (Committee Meetings)	Policies are in development and are seeking Scrutiny feedback and recommendations to help shape the Council's future direction.
Briefings / For Information Reporting (MemberNet/Committee HUB)	Information only or update items which are for noting and where scrutiny can add limited value, but the Member call-in procedure is used as required.

Task and Finish Working Groups [Investigative]

- Cross-party work, with a clearly defined scope, and the Cabinet Member sighted.
- Brought together on a voluntary basis by 4 to 8, politically balanced (where practical) Members, with the Chair decided by the "home" Scrutiny committee.
- Leverage the expertise of officers, partners, wider stakeholders alongside evidence and insight from the people of the Vale of Glamorgan who will be invited and encouraged to participate as expert witnesses and share their lived experiences.
- Hold the Cabinet and officers accountable on specific topics while proactively shaping the Council's policy direction.
- Reports and recommendations fed back to the Cabinet Member, Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet for consideration.

Topic	Officer Lead	Timeframe
Allocations (Homes 4 U) Policy Review: In line with Homelessness and Social Housing Allocations Wales Act 2026.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Post Senedd Election 2026 (Autumn). Pending official guidance being received from Welsh Government (Spring 2027).
Out-of-County Placements Review (*Tentative)*	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Post Placements Report arriving January 2027. Identify the most relevant aspect requiring closer examination.
Meeting and Welfare options for Senior Men in the Vale	Sian Clement Davies Age Friendly Vale Officer snclemett-davies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Officers would encourage Members to engage through the established initiative, including the website, rather than through the Task and Finish process to avoid duplication of work. (Community Catalysts)

Live Well Committee Meetings [Proposal]		
• Six scheduled meetings per Municipal Year. • Opportunity for Committees to make individual recommendations on policies that are still in their development stage, and where decisions have yet to be taken. • Committee recommendations fed back to Cabinet to consider as a policy develops, with Cabinet providing a response to recommendations, including any rationale for accepting, partially accepting or rejecting. • Arena for responding to Cabinet Member Decision Call-ins and/or Committee Requests for Consideration.		
Topic	**Officer Lead**	**Meeting Date**
Committee Forward Work Programme	Amy Rudman Democratic Services arudman@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19th May 2026. Last received 27th May 2025.
Annual Report of the Director of Social Services - Challenge Version	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19th May 2026. Last received 27th May 2025.
		7th July 2026.
		15th September 2026
Social Care Records System	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	10th November 2026. Last received 27th May 2025.
Committee Forward Work Programme – Six Monthly Update	Amy Rudman Democratic Services arudman@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	10th November 2026. Last received 11th Nov 2025.
Annual Children and Young People Services Placements Review	Rachel Evans Head of Children and Young People Services. RJEvans@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	12th January 2026. Last received 13th January 2026.
Leisure Management Contract – Year 14 Annual Performance Report	Dave Knevett Operational Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living & Performance. DPKnevett@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	12th January 2027. Year 13 received 13th January 2026.
Request for Consideration Response - Update on Arts and Cultural Services in the	Matt Curtis (Interim) Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources.	12th January 2027

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Annual Equality Monitoring Report	Elyn Hannah Welsh and Inclusion Officer EHannah@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	12th January 2027
Welsh Language Promotion Strategy	Elyn Hannah Welsh and Inclusion Officer EHannah@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	12th January 2027
Social Services and Environment & Housing Directorate Plans 2027/27 to deliver Vale 2030, the Council's Corporate Plan 2025-30.	Helen Moses Operational Manager for Corporate Strategy and Insight. HMoses@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	9th March 2027. Last received 17th March 2026.
Outcome findings of the Vale of Glamorgan Care Home Provision Review.	Iain McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	9th March 2027. Following completion of review in Jan '27. As agreed at the 8th of July 2025 committee meeting.
Violence Against Women, Dometic Violence and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Revised Strategy Response.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	9th March 2027.
Homelessness and Support	Nick Jones Operational Manager - Public Housing Services njones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	9th March 2027.

For Information Reporting / Member Briefings
• Information only reports provided to Elected Members, with a notification indicating when new material is available. • Ad hoc reports and presentations from the Council and Partner organisations which would likely not benefit from Scrutiny time but be useful information to support Members in improving their awareness of local, regional and national policy direction. • Member briefing sessions would be arranged, often before relevant Scrutiny Committee meetings, to invite officers or wider partners to provide whole Member briefing sessions and presentations as appropriate. • Information is also provided to the public via the Council's Scrutiny Webpage.

Topic	Officer Lead	Method and Timeframe
Annual Update regarding Unpaid Carers and Regional Carers Strategy	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	**Shared with Members 01.06.26.**
Leisure Management Contract – Year 14 Six-monthly update on performance data	Dave Knevett Operational Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living & Performance. DPKnevett@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due June 2026. Last received June '25. **Shared with Members 05.06.26.**
Family Information Service Annual Report	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due June 2026. Last received June '24. (Biennial Timeframe). **Shared with Members 23.06.26.**
Violence Against Women, Dometic Violence and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Revised Strategy Guidance and Information.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. **Shared with Members 01.07.26.**
Dewis Cymru Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Annual Report.	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. Last received November '25. **Shared with Members 22.09.2026**
Vale of Glamorgan Market Stability Report Refresh 2025 - 26. Placement Commissioning Strategy 2025 – 27.	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. **Shared with Members 27.07.26.**
Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLs)	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. Last received October 2025. **Shared with Members 27.07.26.**
Update on the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board – Interim Report (Next RPB Report July '26)	Cath Doman, Director of Health and Social Care, Integration at Cardiff and Vale Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership. Cath.Doman@wales.nhs.uk	Due July 2026. To align with next RPB Report. Last received January '26. **Shared with Members 27.07.26.**

Joint CCTV Control Room, operated in partnership with Cardiff Council, that monitors the Vale of Glamorgan's CCTV cameras.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. Committee Site Visit. **Visits undertaken 07.07.26 and 21.07.26.**
Corporate Safeguarding (Annual reference from Cabinet)	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due August/September 2026. Last received August '25. **Circulated 23.07.26** Item went to Cabinet for consideration – This document has been circulated to all members. View Minutes of meeting.
Youth Justice and Early Support Service: Annual Plan & Performance	Rachel Evans Head of Children and Young People Services. RJEvans@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due August 2026. Last received April '25. **Shared with Members 28.09.26.**
The Index Annual Report 2025 – 26.	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due September 2026. Last received November 2025. **Shared with Members 09.09.26.**
Shared Regulatory Services Business Plan Annual Report	Christina Hill Head of Shared Regulatory chill@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due November 2026. Last received 9th September 2025.
Update in relation to the Vale Alliance – an integrated model for the delivery of health and social care to adult citizens in the Vale of Glamorgan.	Jason Bennett Head of Adult Services and Vale Alliance jbennett@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due November 2026.
Libraries Annual Report	Matt Curtis (Interim) Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources. mcurtis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due November 2026. Subject to WLPS returns from Welsh Government. Last received 9th September 2025.

Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Regional Adoption Collaborative Annual Report	Rachel Evans Head of Children and Young People Services. RJEvans@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due November 2026. Last received December 2025. **Shared with Members 28.10.26.**
Annual Reports for Sports Development, 60+ Active Leisure Scheme and National Exercise Referral Scheme.	Dave Knevett Operational Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living & Performance. DPKnevett@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due November 2026. Last received November '24.
Local Housing Market Assessment	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due January 2027. Originally due May 2026. Last received May '24. (Biennial Timeframe) Pending timescale from Wesh Government.
Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2026 – 2029.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due March 2026. Last received 17th March 2026.
Annual Review of Commissioned Services to Adults with a Care and Support Need	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2027. Last received 8th July 2025. (Biennial Timeframe)

Leisure Management Contract Members Working Group.
The Live Well Scrutiny Committee Leisure Management Contract Working Group was re-established by the Committee on the 12th September 2023, following a recommendation raised within the 2021 Leisure Services Audit Wales report that identified a need for Elected Members to be involved in the monitoring processes for the Council's Leisure Management Contract. The Group meet on an ad-hoc basis by invitation from the Operational Manager for Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living & Performance, and conduct site visits of the Vale of Glamorgan Leisure Centres and relevant services. The Group consists of six Elected Members from the Scrutiny Committee, not subject to political balance, with the last appointments made on 19th May 2026, being: Councillors A.M. Collins (Chair), I. Buckley, C.A. Cave, W.A. Hennessy. J. Lynch-Wilson and N.C. Thomas.
Previous Visits: - 29th September 2025, to explore the new leisure facilities on offer at Barry Leisure Centre. Upcoming Visits: - Winter 2026/27 – Penarth Leisure Centre: New Equipment Arrival. - Winter 2026/27 – Cowbridge Leisure Centre: Completion of new changing rooms.