

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 22nd July, 2025.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

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Present: Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Chair); Councillor C. Iannucci-Williams (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.M. Ball, C.E.A. Champion, P. Drake, V.P. Driscoll, A.M. Ernest, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman, I.A.N. Perry, C. Stallard and S.T. Wiliam.

Also present: M. Blackmore, G. Doyle and K. Mitchell (Tenant Working Group / Panel Representatives); O. Carroll (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale); and Councillors B.E. Brooks (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places), I.R. Buckley, L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillor E. Penn and G. Niblett (Tenant Working Group/ Panel Representative).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES–

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. PLACEMAKING PLANS (DP) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the contents of the report and the Placemaking Plans be noted.

(2) T H A T the following comments made by the Place Scrutiny Committee be considered by the Place Boards:

- That the Place Boards ensure sustainability was built into the relevant business cases / plans for the Placemaking Plans (for example, considerations for ongoing maintenance costs and continued funding

for these were factored in when decisions were being taken on investments within the plans);

- While the Committee recognised the need to ensure that the Placemaking Plans were deliverable, it encouraged the Boards to continue to be ambitious and aspirational for the towns they covered as part of those plans;
- That the Committee supported and encouraged the Boards' approach to making the Placemaking Plans as accessible as possible to all members of community. For example, to make easy to read versions of the Plans and to consider the use of language / languages for them.

(3) T H A T the Place Scrutiny Committee received a future report on the Placemaking Plan for Barry.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Following Committee Members' consideration of the progress and scope of placemaking activity across the Vale and how it aligned with wider regeneration and corporate priorities.

(2) To enable Committee Member feedback to be considered by the Place Boards in order to help shape the development and delivery of the Placemaking Plans and ensure they reflected local priorities and needs.

(3) To ensure the Committee received a further update to be able to consider and scrutinise the progress of the Barry Placemaking Plan.

AGENDA ITEM 5. PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress detailed in the report and Appendix A in relation to the challenges within the Climate Change Challenge Plan and the work of the Public Services Board be noted.

(2) T H A T the funding available in reserves and the projects awarded funding to date through a variety of routes be noted.

(3) T H A T the updates on the Public Services Board work to tackle the climate and nature emergencies be noted.

(4) T H A T the performance against the agreed Project Zero indicators for 2024/25 detailed at Appendix B to the report be noted.

(5) T H A T the relevant Performance Measures for 2025/26, at Appendix C to the report, be noted.

(6) T H A T the progress against the Carbon Management Plan be noted.

- (7) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for consideration.
- (8) T H A T it be recommended to Cabinet that the report be distributed to all Elected Members, members of the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Following consideration by the Committee on how Project Zero and the related work of the Public Services Board was being taken forward.
- (2) Following consideration by the Committee of the available funding and the projects awarded funding to date.
- (3) Following consideration by the Committee of the Public Services Board work to tackle the climate and nature emergencies.
- (4) Following consideration by the Committee of the performance against the agreed set of indicators.
- (5) Following consideration by the Committee of the relevant Performance Measures for 2025/26.
- (6) Following consideration by the Committee of the progress against the Carbon Management Plan.
- (7) To enable Cabinet to consider the progress in delivering the Climate Change Challenge Plan.
- (8) To update all Elected Members and other stakeholders on the arrangements in place to deliver Project Zero.

AGENDA ITEM 6. TASK AND FINISH REVIEW ACTIVITY (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the following Task and Finish Reviews (deep dive investigations) be prioritised and undertaken initially (in order of priority) by the Committee:

| Priority Number | Task and Finish Review topic |
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| 1 | A review on greater accessibility to beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan for people with disabilities (such as wheelchair users) and others. |
| 2 | To review the interlinked issues of refuse on local beaches and the wider matters around local holiday resorts. |

- (2) T H A T, following discussions at the meeting, the Committee agreed the size, composition and membership of the Task and Review Group for the first review /

priority (the review on greater accessibility to beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan) as follows:

- Councillor G.M. Ball (Labour)
- Councillor C.E.A. Champion (Conservative)
- Councillor P. Drake (Labour)
- Councillor A.M. Ernest (Conservative)
- Councillor Iannucci-Williams (Labour)
- Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Labour)
- Councillor J.M. Norman (Llantwit First Independent)
- Councillor C. Stallard (Labour)
- K. Mitchell (Representative from Tenant Working Group / Panel)

Reasons for recommendations

(1) In order to agree and prioritise the Task and Finish Review Group activities for the Place Scrutiny Committee. Subsequent priorities for Task and Finish Reviews would come back to the Committee as part of a further report once the initial two priorities had been undertaken.

(2) In order to agree the size, composition and membership of the Task and Finish Review Group of the Place Scrutiny Committee for the first review / priority to be undertaken.