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Report Title:	Scrutiny Arrangements: First Year Review and Approval of the Forward Work Programme 2026/27.
Portfolio Holder:	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement
Lead Officer(s):	Head of Democratic Services Director of Corporate Resources Director of Environment & Housing Director of Place

1.0 What is this report about?

- 1.1 This report provides the Place Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to reflect on its activity during the 2025/26 municipal year, marking the completion of the first full year under the Council's revised scrutiny arrangements. It summarises how the Committee has operated within the new framework, highlights key areas of work undertaken, and identifies emerging lessons to help inform future scrutiny practice.
- 1.2 The report also invites the Committee to consider and agree its proposed Forward Work Programme for the 2026/27 municipal year. The Programme sets out a planned schedule of scrutiny activity, including proposed items for committee consideration, and is intended to ensure that the Committee's work remains focused, proportionate and aligned to its remit and agreed priorities.

2.0 What are the Recommendations?

	Recommendations – What and How?	Reason for Recommendation – Why?
1	That the Forward Work Programme appended to the report (Appendix A) be agreed, subject to any amendments or suggestions raised by Members at the meeting.	To enable the Scrutiny Committee to approve a programme of work for the forthcoming municipal year that reflects Members' priorities, ensures effective forward planning, and supports the Committee in fulfilling its scrutiny role.
2	That 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 Committee acknowledges the current status in relation to existing Task & Finish Recommendations and endorses the proposal to receive a further update in November 2026, including details of implementation progress and the establishment of a tracking system to enable more regular monitoring.	To enable effective oversight by the Committee through timely updates on implementation progress and the development of a system to support regular monitoring.

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 – Vale 2030. 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 Directorate Scrutiny Committees. On 20th May 2025, Members of the Place Scrutiny Committee were presented with a newly structured Forward Work Programme to align with the agreed Scrutiny arrangements to enable more effective scrutiny, as well as items, topics, Task and Finish review investigations, co-opted membership, and delivery methods that the Place Scrutiny Committee would consider for the 2025/26 Municipal year. This report marks the end of the first municipal year on the new scrutiny arrangements.

3.2 As well as the four Directorate Scrutiny Committees, the Council also has a broader Scrutiny function which includes the following:

Performance Joint Scrutiny - this is a joint forum bringing together all four Directorate

Scrutiny Committees into a singular space to monitor the Council's performance and finances against its Corporate Plan, and

Governance and Audit Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to maintain assurance in relation the Council's finances, policies, and procedures, making sure they are robust and fit for purpose. As well as keeping track of the Council's control environment and maintaining its risk register.

These functions also make recommendations to Cabinet for approval.

- 3.3 The Place Scrutiny Committee is one of the four Directorate Scrutiny Committees, and its remit covers two of the Council's Wellbeing Objectives: 1) Creating Great Places to Live, Work and Visit and 2) Respecting and Celebrating the Environment. The Committee considers reports from the following Council Service Areas: Economic Development and Regeneration, Tourism, Countryside and Parks, Waste management and cleansing, Highways and Engineering, Planning, Transportation, Climate and Nature Emergency, Placemaking and Public and Private Sector Housing.
- 3.4 The Place Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme belongs to the Elected Members of the Place Scrutiny Committee and is maintained, in partnership, by the Committee Chair and Lead Democratic Services Officer. 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.
- 3.5 In developing the proposed Forward Work Programme for 2026/27, the Committee's planned areas of scrutiny have been considered alongside [Cabinet's Annual Strategic Forward Work Programme](#). 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.
- 3.6 The Forward Work Programme document has been maintained by Democratic Services in consultation with Service Area Officers in preparation for Member consideration, and the latest version of the document (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 Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer present. The work programme is a proposed list of items for consideration and may be subject to change depending on prevailing circumstances.
- 3.7 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.

- 3.8 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 Take aways from Year One:

- 4.1.1 The Council has only recently completed its first municipal year / cycle on the new Scrutiny arrangements and therefore has only 12 months' worth of experience and data to rely upon, thus far. It is also recognised that meaningful change takes time and is only achieved through continual assessment and ongoing cultural development, which also take time.
- 4.1.2 Task and Finish work represents a significant commitment for both Members and Officers. The reports demonstrated a strong level of engagement from all stakeholders involved. When considering participation in future Task and Finish activity, individuals may wish to reflect on their capacity to ensure they are able to contribute fully and effectively throughout the process.
- 4.1.3 Task and Finish activity has taken longer than initially anticipated, reflecting the depth and thoroughness of the review work undertaken, as well as external factors such as the availability of expert witnesses. While the aspiration remains to deliver two Task and Finish reviews within a single municipal year, the Council continues to prioritise the quality and robustness of outcomes over the quantity of work undertaken.
- 4.1.4 The introduction of Joint Scrutiny sessions to consider performance against the Corporate Plan and the annual Budget Setting process has delivered positive benefits and generated constructive recommendations. However, further work is required to raise awareness of the importance of these meetings among all Members and to encourage increased attendance from Committee Members.
- 4.1.5 Ongoing public interest in highly visible frontline services has resulted in a substantial proportion of the Place Committee's agenda being focused on these areas. Work will continue to assess the balance and appropriateness of agenda content to support effective future agenda planning. This will include recognition of the significant volume of reports the Committee was required to consider in relation to the Regional Local Development Plan approval process, alongside the need to maintain oversight of its wider work programme.

4.2 Co-opted Membership:

- 4.2.1 The Committee recognises and values the important contribution made by its non-voting co-opted members, whose expertise and perspectives continue to enhance scrutiny and inform decision-making, such as the contributions made in relation to the recent Task and Finish Review on accessibility at local beaches.

4.3 Task & Finish Working Groups [Investigative]:

- 4.3.1 The Place Scrutiny Committee has undertaken and completed a review into the provision of more accessible beaches to residents and visitors to beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan. This was presented and endorsed by the Committee at its meeting on 1st April 2026 ([Min No 793 refers](#)). Also at the meeting, the Committee agreed to establishing the second Task & Finish Working Group on the interlinked issues of refuse on local beaches and the wider matters around local holiday resorts. The membership of this Group currently includes Councillors: G.M. Ball, C.E.A. Champion, P. Drake, A.M. Ernest, C. Iannucci-Williams, J.M. Norman, S. Lloyd-Selby, C. Stallard and S.T. Wiliam. Co-Opted Members of the Committee have also been approached about joining the Task and Finish Review Group.
- 4.3.2 Should there be sufficient time available following the completion of the second review, then a further review will be considered by the Committee, and a report will be shared with the Committee in order to consider the options available for this.
- 4.3.3 **In terms of feedback / lessons learnt specifically from the Place Task & Finish Review** into the provision of more accessible beaches to residents and visitors to beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan, the following feedback (to date from both Members and Council officers involved) has been received:
- Members of the Review were keen, involved and engaged in the process and addressing the issues raised, both with the discussions undertaken and the ideas, findings and actions / recommendations generated.
 - The final report, actions and recommendations made by Members on the Review were both clear and concise.
 - The Group worked very well in terms of its scope, cross party membership and external expert contributions, and this resulted in achieving positive, tangible and achievable outcomes for residents and visitors to the beaches concerned.
 - The participation of a Tenant Representative and others with lived experiences in relation to the Review provided valuable insight and consideration should be given to securing such relevant participation in future work.

- The timescales and number of meetings seemed appropriate and the site visits were critical in terms of achieving a real understanding of the issue under consideration.
- The positive, 'can-do' attitude demonstrated by Members and supporting officers as part of the Review was highlighted, as well as the consensual, cross-party led approach which was seen as extremely positive both in terms of the work undertaken and outcomes made, as well as part of the experience for Members who were part of this process.
- Potential challenges were balancing the work of future reviews against the demands of a very busy Scrutiny Committee and the importance of ongoing monitoring of the reviews and the implementation of their actions and recommendations once completed.

4.3.4 Below is a list of lessons learnt for future Task & Finish groups based on feedback **collated across all Task & Finish group reviews undertaken by the various Scrutiny Committees (to date):**

- **What Worked Well:**
 - Task & Finish Groups were widely regarded as an effective scrutiny model, particularly where members and officers were committed and engaged.
 - Clear, focused topics helped promote strong engagement, productive discussion and positive outcomes.
 - High levels of member involvement supported meaningful debate and the development of practical recommendations.
 - Officer support and facilitation were consistently praised, with reports described as clear, concise and suitable for progression to Cabinet.
 - Constructive working relationships between Members and officers encouraged open discussion and problem-solving.
 - Smaller, less formal group settings were valued by some Members as they encouraged confidence to ask questions and challenge issues.
 - Teams chat groups were seen as an effective tool for communication and maintaining momentum between meetings.
 - Where topics aligned well with operational priorities, outcomes were viewed as positive and worthwhile.
- **What Could Be Improved**
 - Topic selection and definition are critical; overly broad or poorly defined topics made focus and recommendation development more difficult.

- Inconsistent attendance and engagement placed additional pressure on Chairs and slowed progress in some groups.
- The length and intensity of some Task & Finish Groups exceeded Member expectations.
- Meeting schedules could be more regular and predictable to support sustained engagement.
- Some Members were uncertain about the impact of outcomes, particularly where further decision-making was required.
- Concerns were raised about the level of officer time required, particularly for Democratic Services.
- Hybrid and online meetings, while accessible, were perceived by some as limiting openness and depth of discussion.
- Uneven participation led to frustration in some cases, with perceptions that non-participating Members were more likely to criticise the process.
- The volume of briefings and engagement requests could feel excessive for some Members.

4.4 **Committee Meetings [Proposal]:**

4.4.1 Points raised by officers as part of the Forward Work Programme 2026/27 process – new or updated reports, etc., include the following:

- Community Benefits / Social Value report from the Environment and Housing Directorate.
- An update from the Tenant Representatives regarding a Tenant Working Group / Panel Annual report.
- Parking Review for coastal locations in the Vale of Glamorgan.
- Update on the delivery of the Shared Prosperity and Local Growth Funds.

4.4.2 In terms of reports, etc., which the Committee had recommended or suggested for the Forward Work Programme, these include:

- Update - Bathing Water Quality Ongoing Investigations and Work Programmes from Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales.
- Update on Petition Submission – Declare a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) at Barry's Old Harbour.
- Vale of Glamorgan Local Area Energy Plan (including the work, development and implementation undertaken as part of it, and the role of the new officer appointed in order to progress it).
- Beach Accessibility Review Update (to include related matters, such as the No Flying Rings Campaign update).

- Update on the delivery of the Shared Prosperity and Local Growth Funds.

4.4.3 Requests for consideration: for 2026/27: the Committee currently has one so far concerning Poets Corner in Penarth regarding Bus service provision and routing in Penarth.

4.5 For Information Reporting [Committee HUB]:

4.5.1 The 'For Information Reporting' function was expanded during the 2025/26 municipal year to ensure that relevant information is also made publicly available via the [Council's Scrutiny webpage](#).

4.5.2 The following for information only reports have also been suggested for 2026/27:

- Empty Property Handbook/Updates on Empty Homes Grants and Property Loans.
- Section 6 biodiversity-resilience ecosystems duty reporting VOGC (currently for information only).

4.5.3 Also, the Committee could expect its regular for information reports:

- Annual progress report on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- Vale of Glamorgan – Annual Tourism & Events Update.

4.6 The 2026/27 Forward Work Programme for the Committee is the last iteration prior to the May 2027 Local Government Election, and therefore the timeframe available for scrutiny activity may be shorter than a full municipal year due to the pre-election period. As a result, the Programme has been developed to prioritise key areas of work, ensure flexibility where required, and support the effective use of Member and officer capacity during this transitional period.

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

5.1 Matters Considered During the 2025/26 Municipal Year:

5.1.1 The Committee has considered 14 proposal / update **Service Area reports, including:-**

- Committee Forward Work Programme Annual Proposal.
- Committee Forward Work Programme – Six Monthly Update.
- Update Report – No Flying Rings Campaign.
- Placemaking plans.
- Project Zero Update(s) (bi-annually) x 2.
- Task and Finish Review Activity.
- Update on the delivery of the Shared Prosperity Fund 2022 – 2026.
- Local Lettings Policies.

- Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals 2026/27, Rent Setting 2026/27 and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2026/27.
- Coastal Monitoring Update.
- Environment & Housing and Place Directorate Plans 2026/27.
- Highway Maintenance 3 Year Plan: 2026 – 2029.
- Tree Strategy Update Report.

5.1.2 The Committee has not considered any **Call-In requests** during the municipal year.

5.1.3 The Committee considered **one Reference from Full Council:**

- Notice of Motion – A Voluntary Ban on the Sale and Use of “Flying Rings” Throughout the Vale of Glamorgan (reference from Council: 28th April, 2025).

5.1.4 The Committee considered **four References from Cabinet:**

- Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2021-2036 – Housing Growth in Barry.
- Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2021-2036 – Housing Growth in Barry Consultation Report.
- Vale of Glamorgan Deposit Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2021-2036, Revised Delivery Agreement and Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Review of Pilot Leisure Activity at Cosmeston Country Park.

5.1.5 The Committee considered one **Petition Submission:**

- Declare a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) at Barry’s Old Harbour.

5.1.6 The Committee considered **one Urgent Item and one presentation:**

- Urgent Item: Revised Street Scheme Strategy (2026-2031).
- Presentation: Vale of Glamorgan and Natural Resource Wales – Bathing Water Quality Project Partnership Agreement Update.

5.1.7 Committee and wider Elected Members have been provided with **For Information Reporting on two separate topics** open to member call-in if deemed necessary by members:

- Vale of Glamorgan – Annual Tourism & Events Update.
- Annual progress report on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

5.1.8 The Committee considered one **Task & Finish Working Group Response Report** (Task and Finish Review – On Providing Greater Accessibility to Beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan). This was subsequently referred to Cabinet for consideration. Please see further detail in Section 5.5.

5.2 Recommendation/Decision Tracking

- 5.2.1 Tracking of the Committee's decisions and subsequent impact continues to be monitored and regularly updated by the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Team.
- 5.2.2 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 is a new approach to improve efficiency and transparency in decision making.
- 5.2.3 At the November 2025 meeting, the Committee agreed that a summary of the Decision Tracking Data relevant to the Place Scrutiny Committee be presented to the Committee as part of the biannual Forward Work Programme Monitoring Reports. This would provide a six-monthly update to Committee Members, on the data readily available and to maintain an understanding of the Committee's impact in supporting the Council's decision-making processes, as detailed below:

Total number of recommendations raised by the Committee over the municipal year	68
Recommendations referred to Cabinet	20 (29.4%)
Recommendations labelled as Other (not referred to Cabinet but addressed directly by the Place Scrutiny Committee)	48 (70.6%)
Recommendations raised as a result of Cabinet Reference	11 (16.2%)
Recommendations Partially Accepted by Cabinet: 3	All these related to – <u>Petition Submission – Declare a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) at Barry's Old Harbour: 20th January 2026</u> (1) That the Committee agrees, in principle, that a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) be declared at the Old Harbour site at Barry. (2) That additional work would be required to identify the resource requirements for designating the Old Harbour site as a local nature reserve. This additional work / process should also consider other potential sites in the Vale of Glamorgan that may also warrant being designated as a LNR as well. (3) That the Vale of Glamorgan Council work with Barry Action for Nature and any other relevant

	groups to ensure that work be undertaken to identify and address any immediate risks to wildlife at the Old Harbour site. That work should also consider any mitigating action that could be taken immediately. Cabinet, at its meeting on 12th March 2026 considered the reference (min no C226) and: RESOLVED – T H A T Place Scrutiny Committee be thanked for their consideration of the matter and that Officers be asked to provide a more complete report to Cabinet on the proposal in order to take a more informed decision on the matter.
Recommendations Noted / other by Cabinet: 17	These are in relation to the following reports: <u>Project Zero Update Report</u> <u>Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2021-2036 – Housing Growth in Barry Consultation Report</u> <u>Petition Submission – Declare a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) at Barry's Old Harbour</u> <u>Review of Pilot Leisure Activity at Cosmeston Country Park</u> <u>Environment & Housing and Place Directorate Plans 2026/27 (Outlining Year 2 Activities, Performance Measures and Associated Performance Targets to Deliver Vale 2030, the Council's Corporate Plan 2025-30)</u> <u>Task and Finish Review – On Providing Greater Accessibility to Beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan</u> (this was noted by Cabinet at its meeting on 30th April 2026, but with the proviso that the Action Plan for the Review be passed on to Officers to

	determine how to take the work forward and either bring a report back to Cabinet or Scrutiny, as most appropriate).
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5.2.4 For those recommendations that were classed as 'other' (not referred to Cabinet but addressed directly by the Place Scrutiny Committee), these totalled 48, broken down as follows:

- Recommendations which required action or a similar response by the Committee: 30 (62.5%).
- Recommendations which were only noted by the Committee: 18 (37.5%).
- For those which required action or a similar response by the Committee, these include the following examples:

Report / update / presentation	Recommendation(s)	Outcome
Notice of Motion - A Voluntary Ban on the Sale and Use of "Flying Rings" throughout Vale of Glamorgan	That the relevant Council officers be tasked to take away this Notice of Motion on a Voluntary Ban on the Sale and Use of "Flying Rings" throughout the Vale of Glamorgan, in order to address this issue with local traders, to help support the related national campaign with additional local publicity and then to report back to Committee in July about what actions had been taken to tackle this issue	Further update provided to Committee at its meeting in September 2025.
Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2021-2036 - Housing Growth in Barry	That the following comments and feedback from the Committee meeting be provided, as part of the consultation exercise: • That Council officers, as part of the public consultation, discuss with Asda the potential use of land owned by them near to the proposed housing development site at Neptune Road, Barry Waterfront. • That Council officers confirm whether there were any historic issues that prohibited the use of the Weycock Cross site when it was previously	Committee recommended that the comments and feedback from the Committee meeting be provided, as part of the consultation exercise, which were subsequently considered with the other responses, by Cabinet at its meeting on 6 th November 2025 (Min No C134) refers. At this meeting a further report was submitted addressing the points raised by Scrutiny and others

	considered as a potential housing development site, and if so, whether these were subsequently addressed. • That the Council notes the concern of this Committee about the potential loss of employment sites. However, the Committee also recognised that such considerations do need to be balanced with the current housing shortage and that Council officers have confirmed that no firm decisions had been made yet on these sites. • That, as part of the consultation / plan, it would be helpful if details were provided on accessibility and walking distances to and from Weycock Cross and the other proposed housing sites, including to the nearest bus / train stations and routes, as well as regarding access to the nearest cycling lanes as part of the active travel approach. • Finally, consideration should be given to the importance of sustainability for these developments, in terms of design, build quality and their carbon footprint, as well as providing any information that could be shared as part of the consultation process in relation to those issues which would also be helpful.	as part of this consultation process.
Placemaking Plans	(2) That 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	A further update / report on this to be shared with the Committee in due course.

	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) That the Place Scrutiny Committee received a future report on the Placemaking Plan for Barry.	
Update on the No Flying Rings Campaign	(2) That the Council considers what would be the most effective way of engaging with larger retailers in advance of the next bathing season, including the possibility of direct engagement at a local level to prevent the purchase and sales of flying rings, as well as liaising with the appropriate interest and action groups on this topic to help progress the discouragement of sales and implementing a voluntary ban of flying rings at the national level. (3) That the Council, following consultation with the appropriate environmental,	A further update / report on this (and related matters) to be shared with the Committee in due course.

	interest and action groups, send letters to the Welsh and U.K. Governments on this matter, to ensure a co-ordinated approach to the issue of stopping the purchase, sale, etc., of flying rings.	
Update on the Delivery of the Shared Prosperity Fund 2022-2026	(3) That the Committee receive a further report in 2026 on the final position of the funding programme, following the completion of the transition year programme. (4) That the Committee also receive an update on the next stages of the funding programme as soon as that was available to Council officers.	This has been added to the latest Forward Work Programme for Place Scrutiny and that an update / report be shared with the Committee during to the 2026/27 municipal year.
Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals 2026/27, Rent Setting 2026/27 and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2026/27	That, with regard to Recommendation (3) of the report (that Cabinet recommends to Council that it approves an average rent increase of 4.3%), the Committee asked for the report to clarify the affordability criteria set within it, in relation to the proposed rent increases and that the information should include details on the average rent increase levels set by Registered Social Landlord (RSL) partners in order to further clarify the rationale for the decision making around the level of rent increase proposed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.	The Leader of the Council did present / clarify the information requested as part of the initial presentation of the report at the meeting of Full Council held on 12th January, 2026 (Special Meeting).
Coastal Monitoring Update	(1) That, as a tie-in to, and as part of, the Committee's Task and Finish work around accessibility to beaches and related areas within the Vale of Glamorgan, an audit of signage be undertaken by the Council at coastal areas, i.e. where there was a risk of cliff falls, etc. to ensure they were	For (1) to be included in the Place Committee's Task and Finish Group's report on accessibility to beaches. For (2) this is being developed with the work ongoing with the

	appropriate and covered any and all relevant risks at these locations. (2) That consideration be given to adding to, and / or reviewing and auditing existing information on, the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website on how members of the public can report rock falls and similar issues to the appropriate persons and bodies (including the Council) more easily at coastal areas, including any relevant links to other websites, such as to the Natural Resources (NRW) website, to access information on areas where coastal erosion was a particular concern. (3) That further opportunities be explored to engage, inform and update relevant members of the public on coastal erosion and related matters within the Vale of Glamorgan area, such as young people, through various means of communication and engagement, such as local roadshows.	Beach Access Action Plan. For (3) it is the intention of the service area to facilitate roadshows over the summer and engaging with the local community and residents.
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5.3 Member Scrutiny Survey

5.3.1 The Annual Members Survey was shared with all Elected and Co-opted Members and included questions specifically relating to Scrutiny arrangements, including perceptions of effectiveness, access to information, and suggestions for improvement. Responses were received from (26 out of 54) 48% of Elected Members and were completely anonymous, allowing open and honest feedback based on individual experiences. This feedback therefore offers useful insight to inform the ongoing development and prioritisation of Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes.

5.3.2 Survey responses show a broadly mixed but generally positive perception of Scrutiny. In response to whether Scrutiny arrangements have a positive impact on decision-making and service improvement, 40% of respondents agreed or strongly

agreed, 27% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 35% disagreed or strongly disagreed. This indicates that while many Members recognise the value of Scrutiny, there is recognition for the fact that the new arrangements are in their infancy.

- 5.3.3 Responses were more positive in relation to access to information, with 66% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that they have sufficient access to the information needed to undertake their role as a Scrutiny Member. Only a small proportion disagreed, although over a quarter neither agreed nor disagreed, suggesting scope for further improvement in consistency and clarity of information.
- 5.3.4 Members felt that scrutiny would be more effective if it moved beyond primarily noting reports and instead provided stronger challenge, influence and impact on decision-making. Overall, the emphasis was on making scrutiny more robust, less process-driven and more focused on actively shaping outcomes rather than simply receiving information.

5.4 Scrutiny Requests for Consideration

- 5.4.1 In line with the Council's Digital Strategy, the existing request form was digitised on the Council's website to improve accessibility and information submission for the end user. To make the public aware of this change, information was shared as part of an e-mail communication to residents who had signed up to receive notifications around the Council's participation and engagement work.
- 5.4.2 Following this communication, the Council received 27 requests for consideration, covering a range of topics such as Placemaking, Additional Learning Needs and Highways as examples. The breakdown by Committee is as below:
- Start Well – 3 Requests
 - Live Well – 1 Requests
 - Place – 18 Requests
 - Resources – 5 Requests
- 5.4.3 The requests were assessed, and a number were excluded as they were felt to not be appropriate at this current time, but their details are stored for future Scrutiny sessions. Upon assessment, the requests fell into five main categories:
1. Item had already been considered by Scrutiny in the previous 12 months – 13 requests.
 2. Operational query (passed to Service area to manage) – 3 requests.
 3. Request too general (further information requested and no response received) – 4 requests.
 4. Topic already on Scrutiny Forward Work Programme (contacted to advise and will be further advised when agenda confirmed) – 6 requests
 5. Further exploration by Council (currently being considered) – 1 request.
- 5.4.4 All requestors were notified of the above in the following two weeks after submission, including signposting to previous reports and meetings, with

operational queries managed and responded by the appropriate Service area. They were also notified that their details would be stored on file to be proactively communicated to if these topics were to be considered by Committees in the future.

- 5.4.5 Requests for Consideration may also be presented to Committee via the [Council's Petition Scheme](#). No petitions have been submitted under the remit of this Committee during the 2025-26 municipal year.

5.5 Task & Finish Feedback and Outcomes

- 5.5.1 The Committee has undertaken a single Task and Finish Working Group project over the last municipal (first) year to review the provision of more accessible beaches to residents and visitors to beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan. The Group Members being Councillors Iannucci-Williams (Chair), Champion (Vice), Ball, Drake, Ernest, Norman, Stallard and K. Mitchell (Representative from Tenant Working Group / Panel). There were also several external consultees, representatives and witnesses including Jo Schup, Friends of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast. The Group met on 9 occasions and presented its findings at the 1st April 2026 Place Scrutiny Committee meeting. The Committee subsequently agreed to the relevant actions and recommendations be referred to the next available Cabinet meeting for its consideration and approval (30th April 2026).

- 5.5.2 The Cabinet, at its meeting on 30th April 2026, considered the Committee's reference and report on the Task & Finish Review (Min no. C274 refers). The Cabinet subsequently,

RESOLVED – T H A T Place Scrutiny Committee and its Task and Finish Working Group be thanked for their consideration of the matter and the reference be noted, with the Action Plan passed on to Officers to determine how to take the work forward and either bring a report back to Cabinet or Scrutiny, as most appropriate.

- 5.5.3 All recommendations have been referred to the relevant Officers and are currently being progressed. Under those recommendations, an update report on the Task & Finish Action Plan will come back to Committee in due course. It is proposed that such an update on the specific Task and Finish recommendations raised by the Committee tie-in with the next Forward Work Programme update report in November 2026. This timeframe will allow officers sufficient opportunity to implement and provide updates on the status of the existing recommendations enabling Members to monitor progress more regularly.

- 5.5.4 In relation to feedback and lessons learnt that could help the Council shape and strengthen future working groups, please see Section 4 above.

6.0 Next Steps

- 6.1 Committee members are requested to consider the Forward Work Programme biannually at the May and November Committee meetings. After which, the agreed Forward Work

Programme will be published on the Council's website for public information.

- 6.2 The Forward Work Programme will continue to reflect the various forms of Scrutiny and be assessed on a regular basis by the Committee Chair:

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.

For Information Reporting (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.

Committee Members are encouraged to approach the Committee Chair and / or the Lead Democratic Services Officer with any suggestions or queries in relation to the Forward Work Programme at any time.

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

- 7.1 Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programmes 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 Forward Work Programme, 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 wellbeing.

- 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 wellbeing 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 Forward Work Programme 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 and 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 Forward Work Programme 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

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 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.

11.2 Monitoring Officer Comments: The Monitoring Officer has reviewed the contents of this report and confirmed that the preparation and approval of the Scrutiny Committee's Forward Work Programme is consistent with the Council's constitutional arrangements. The report does not raise any issues of unlawfulness and adheres to the established decision-making framework. The Monitoring Officer is also satisfied that the Forward Work Programme supports the principles of good governance, including accountability, transparency and sound decision-making, as expected of statutory officers under established governance standards.

12.0 Key Contacts

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

Service Area Officer:	Democratic Services Officer:
Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk 01446 709279	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk 01446 709279

Appendix

Appendix A – Place Scrutiny Committee Draft Forward Work Programme 2026/27.

Background Documents

November 2025 - Forward Work Programme Schedule 2025/26 (Updated) Report, presented to Scrutiny Committee – [Report](#) and [Minutes](#).

May 2025 - Forward Work Programme Schedule 2025/26 Report, presented to Scrutiny Committee – [Report](#) and [Minutes](#).

April 2025 – Reshaping Scrutiny Reference, referred to Full Council – [Reference](#) and [Minutes](#).

April 2025 – Reshaping Scrutiny Report, presented to Cabinet – [Report](#) and [Minutes](#).

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/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



Place Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2026 - 27

Corporate Plan Objectives	
Creating Great Places to Live, Work and Visit.	Respecting and Celebrating the Environment.
Economic Development and Regeneration, Tourism, Countryside and Parks, Waste management and cleansing, Highways and Engineering, Planning, Transportation, Placemaking and Public and Private Sector Housing.	Climate and Nature Emergency.

Cabinet Members	Directors
Councillor Bronwen Brooks - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places.	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place.
Councillor Sandra Perkes - Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement.	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing.
Councillor Mark Wilson - Neighbourhood and Building Services.	

Committee Membership	Democratic Services Contact
Chair: Councillor Lloyd-Selby Vice Chair: to be confirmed Committee Membership Webpage Scrutiny Information Webpage(s)	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Co-opted Membership	
Marianne Blackmore	Representative from the Tenant Working Group / Panel.
Mrs Gina Doyle	Representative from the Tenant Working Group / Panel.
Kirsty Mitchell	Representative from the Tenant Working Group / Panel.
Mr David Paskin	Representative from the Tenant Working Group / Panel.
Mr Osian Carroll	Representative from Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale.

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	Policies are in development and are seeking Scrutiny feedback and recommendations to help shape the Council's future direction.
For Information Reporting / Briefings	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
To review the interlinked issues of refuse on local beaches and the wider matters around local holiday resorts.	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Schedule to be confirmed – approved as the second task and finish to be undertaken by Committee at its meeting in July 2025 and in April 2026, following the review on

		providing greater accessibility to beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan.
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Place Committee Meetings [Proposal, etc.]		
• 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
Scrutiny Arrangements: First Year Review and Approval of the Forward Work Programme 2026/27.	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	26 th May, 2026
Update - Bathing Water Quality Ongoing Investigations and Work Programmes from Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales.	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Jason Bale, Operational Manager - Enterprise and Specialist Services (SRS) jabale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Representatives of Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales.	26 th May, 2026
Request for consideration report - Poets Corner - concerning Bus service provision and routing in Penarth.	Kyle Phillips Operational Manager Transport Services kwphillips@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be reported to the Committee, provisionally on 14 th July, 2026.

Plan For Neighbourhoods (PfN).	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Possible FIO or scrutiny presentation; briefing date to be confirmed – provisionally 14th July, 2026.
Waste Strategy Report (ten-year strategy) (Cabinet reference).	Colin Smith Operational Manager - Neighbourhood Services: Operations csmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Rescheduled from the last municipal year – 14th July, 2026.
Placemaking update.	Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	14th July, 2026 (Cabinet reference).
Project Zero Update.	Susannah McWilliam, Programme Manager Project Zero (Climate Change) smcwilliam@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	14th July, 2026. To be decided if this will be a FIO report. (Usually received bi-annually, in July and January).
Vale of Glamorgan Local Area Energy Plan (including the work, development and implementation undertaken as part of it, and the role of the new officer appointed in order to progress it).	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date to be confirmed – Cabinet reference to Place Committee either in July or September.
Update on the delivery of the Shared Prosperity and Local Growth Funds.	Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	22 nd September, 2026.
Deposit Replacement Local Development Plan	Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	17 th November, 2026 (Cabinet reference).
Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011–2026. Eighth Annual Monitoring Report 2025-26	Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	17th November, 2026 (Cabinet reference).

Updated Forward Work Programme Schedule 2025/26.	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	17th November, 2026.
Beach Accessibility Review Update (to include related matters, such as the No Flying Rings Campaign update).	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Adam Sargent Neighbourhood Services Manager. asargent@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	17th November, 2026.
Community benefits / social value report (Environment and Housing Directorate).	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services 01446 709516 MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date to be confirmed – late 2026.
Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals Rent Setting and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan.	Matt Bowmer Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer mbowmer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be held via an Extraordinary / Special meeting on 5 th January, 2027.
Tree Strategy Update Report.	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Adam Sargent Neighbourhood Services Manager. asargent@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19 th January, 2027.
Update/Cabinet Reference - Review of Pilot Leisure Activity at Cosmeston Country Park	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place. mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19 th January, 2027.
Coastal Monitoring Update.	Clive Moon, Engineering Manager – Environment crmoon@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19 th January, 2027 - either investigative/proposal or a FIO type report.

Update on Petition Submission – Declare a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) at Barry’s Old Harbour	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place migoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk County Ecologist. Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	16 th March, 2027.
Directorate Plans – Place and Environment and Housing.	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place. migoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	16th March, 2027.
Update on Revised Street Scheme Strategy (2026-2031).	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Either an investigative/proposal or a FIO type report. Date to be confirmed, but provisionally early 2027.
Task and Finish Review on the interlinked issues of refuse on local beaches and the wider matters around local holiday resorts.	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Final report of the latest Task and Finish Review – date to be confirmed.
Update - Tenant & Leaseholder Participation Strategy / STAR survey Improvement Plan.	Farida Aslam Senior Neighbourhood Manager 02920673095 faslam@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date to be confirmed – pending the new survey being undertaken.
Social Housing Delivery Priorities and Social Housing Grant Update.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services 01446 709516 MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date to be confirmed – pending update from Welsh Government following the Senedd elections.
Tenant Working Group / Panel Annual report	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services	19th January, 2027 / 16th March, 2027

	01446 709516 MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	
Barry Making Waves Levelling Up projects and fund (LuF).	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date / details to be confirmed.
Court Road / on street parking update(s).	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date / details to be confirmed – pending related work around Placemaking being undertaken / completed.
Cardiff Capital Region and update on Aberthaw Power Station.	Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Deferred – until new Managing Director has been confirmed. Date therefore to be confirmed.
Parking Review for coastal locations in the Vale of Glamorgan (possible Cabinet reference)	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date / details to be confirmed.
Task and Finish Review – further review proposals.	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date to be confirmed; this will be subject to the completion of the second and latest review and consideration given to previous or new suggestions.

Member Briefings / For Information Reporting

- 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 (including FIO report, Presentation, Briefing Session).
Cardiff and Vale Housing Partnership / Council Housing Development Strategy Update(s).	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services 01446 709516 MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Andrew Freeguard. Operational Manager - Housing Development. afreeguard@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Briefing Session - schedule to be confirmed
Annual progress report on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.	David Hunt Countryside Access Manager (Public Rights of Way) dahunt@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	FIO report (October or November 2026).
Vale of Glamorgan – Annual Tourism & Events Update.	Nia Hollins, Principal Tourism & Marketing Officer nhollins@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	FIO report (September 2026).
Update Report – new build housing (Vale of Glamorgan Council and partners).	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services 01446 709516 MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date / details to be confirmed – possible FIO report or update / summary on progress.

Initial Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals 2027/28 and Revised Budget 2026/27.	Matt Bowmer Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer mbowmer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Provisionally FIO – for consultation with Members outside of scrutiny process (including a briefing if required).
Empty Property Handbook/Updates on Empty Homes Grants and Property Loans	Cath Smith/Eleri Nicholas.	FIO report: June 2026.
Section 6 biodiversity-resilience ecosystems duty reporting VOGC.	Steve Pickering	FIO report: July 2026.

