

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 14th July 2026.

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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, C.P. Franks, J.M. Norman, E. Penn, I.A.N. Perry, C. Stallard and S.T. Wiliam

Also present: 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), S.D. Perkes (Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

155 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

156 [APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE](#) –

This was received from Councillor A.M. Ernest.

157 [DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST](#) –

No declarations of interest were received.

158 [MINUTES](#) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2026 be approved as a correct record.

159 [PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT \(DCR\)](#) –

The report provided an update on progress with the wide range of activity being undertaken to ensure the Council continued to deliver against commitments in the Climate Change Challenge Plan and to take forward Project Zero. This included the RAG (red, amber, green) rating of progress against the steps in the Climate Change Challenge Plan (Appendix A to the report).

A presentation was given to the Committee by the Project Zero Programme Manager highlighting the key areas of the report, including the progress and updates against the 18 Challenges, 80 Steps of the Project, as well as the relevant resources, the work with the Public Services Board, and the Performance Measures for 2025/26 and 2026/27 (Appendix B and C to the report).

Members of the Committee raised several queries and comments, which were addressed by the Project Zero Programme Manager and the Head of Neighbourhood Services. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places also contributed to the discussion of the report.

Following discussion of the item and the points raised as part of this, Committee

RECOMMENDED –

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

(2) T H A T the 2025/26 performance detailed at Appendix B to the report and the performance measures for 2026/27 detailed at Appendix C to the report be noted.

(3) T H A T the following comments be forwarded to the relevant Council officers for their action or consideration:

- To look at the potential use of section 106 funding to maximise support for tree planting;
- Committee to receive an update on the progress of securing a waste management site in the Rural Vale of Glamorgan as part of a future report on the strategic overview of waste priorities;
- To congratulate Big Fresh on removing Palm Oil from food produced for schools. For the relevant Council officer(s) to speak to Big Fresh also about not using soya fed meat and to provide feedback to the Committee on the status of this.

(4) T H A T the report and the following comments be referred to Cabinet for their consideration:

- The Council should ensure that funding is secured to monitor and control carbon footprint at the construction stage of any new schools and other major development work to ensure they are energy efficient;

- That the Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) should prioritise investment in public transport and active travel to reduce reliance on motor vehicles;
- That steps should be taken to enable the Council to maximise the installation of Photovoltaic (PV) panels at schools.

Reasons for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents and recommendations of the report, as well as the discussions at the meeting.

(3) To enable the relevant Council officers to consider the comments / proposals made by the Committee with regard to the report.

(4) To enable Cabinet to consider the comments of the Committee as part of its consideration of progress in delivering the Climate Change Challenge Plan.

160 [REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION REPORT: BUS SERVICE PROVISION THROUGH "POETS CORNER" IN PENARTH \(DEH\)](#) –

Following a request from Mr. Paul Fenton, who was present at the meeting, to consider “Bus service provision and routing in Penarth – specifically the removal of the historic Route 93 / 'Poets Bus' through Poets Corner and the adequacy of current alternative provision, including consultation, decision-making, and equality impacts”, the report informed of the decisions taken to change the route of Supported Local Bus Service 93 via Redlands Road as opposed to Wordsworth Road.

The report was presented to the Committee by the Operational Manager Transport Services, who outlined the background, key points and rationale concerning the report and the decisions made about this service and routing involved. These centred around the need to look at the overall location and bus routes in operation, and their required frequency, in conjunction with consideration on financial sustainability and viability, value for money and on sources of ongoing external funding, as well as ensuring ongoing service continuity with providers such as Cardiff Bus.

The information and evidence provided by the requesting member of the public, Mr. Fenton, could be found at Appendix 1 to the report.

Mr. Fenton also spoke at the meeting and raised a number of key points in support of his position concerning Bus Service 93 and his campaign to support this. Key to this was to restore the service to its previous route and frequency, which could be done at minimal cost and impact, as well as his proposals benefitting older, vulnerable and less mobile local residents. Mr. Fenton also cited the limitations on the current bus services provided at the location in question.

Subsequently, Committee Members made several comments and raised various queries around the report, the decision making and rationale for the alternative provision outlined, as well as on the representations made by the Operational

Manager Transport Services and Mr. Fenton at the meeting. These were addressed by the Operational Manager Transport Services.

Contributions were also made by the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, who referred to the challenges around bus service provision, the need to look at the overall network and the needs of those areas with less bus and public transport services within the Vale of Glamorgan, such as rural areas.

Following the consideration of the report by the Committee, and their discussions at the meeting on it, as well as the contributions made by the various parties involved, Committee subsequently

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the detail and context provided in the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the details regarding re-routing Service 93 via Redlands Road as opposed to Wordsworth Avenue be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents and recommendations of the report, as well as the discussions at the meeting.

161 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

162 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION REPORT: BUS SERVICE PROVISION THROUGH “POETS CORNER” IN PENARTH (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12 AND 14) –

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The information and evidence provided by Mr. Fenton could be found at Appendix 1 to the Part I report.

The Committee discussed those elements that fell within the Part II iteration of the report (such as the current estimated cost for FY 2026-27 for the service).

Following its discussion on the report, Committee

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the detail and context provided in the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the details regarding the re-routing of Service 93 via Redlands Road as opposed to Wordsworth Avenue be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents and recommendations of the report, as well as the discussions at the meeting.