

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 16th September 2026.

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Present: Councillor J. Protheroe (Chair); Councillors E. Goodjohn (Vice-Chair); S. Campbell; G.D.D. Carroll, P. Drake, E.J. Goodjohn, Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards and J.M. Norman.

Also present: L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) and G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Well-being).

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226 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”.

227 [APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE](#) –

These were received from Councillors R. Godfrey and S. Lloyd-Selby.

228 [DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST](#) –

Councillors G.D.D Carroll, P. Drake, E.J. Goodjohn and B. Loveluck-Edwards declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6 – Capital Outturn 2025/26 (Reference), as they were Vale of Glamorgan School Governors, and school budgets and funding were covered in the report.

Councillor E. Goodjohn declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 – Enhancing Support to Residents During Bereavement, as they were a member of Humanists UK.

229 [MINUTES](#) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2026 be approved as a correct record.

230 [WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2025-2026 \(REF\)](#) –

The Welsh and Inclusion Officer presented the report, which outlined the Council's progress against the Welsh Language Standards and against its Welsh Language Promotion Strategy for 2025/26. The report summarised the main areas where progress had been made, and provided annual updates required by the Welsh Language Commissioner.

The Chair advised that it would be useful for Committee to see the revised Welsh Language Standards once published, in order to be aware of what had changed from the current version.

Councillor Carrol requested further information on the 16 Job roles within the Council for which Welsh Language Skills were essential, and queried whether these included teachers in Welsh Medium Schools.

Councillor Loveluck-Edwards suggested that, following the success of the Courtesy Welsh training among staff, Elected Members would benefit from being offered the same training.

Following discussion of the item, Committee

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the reference and report be noted.
- (2) T H A T Committee receive details of the revised Welsh Language Standards alongside the 2026/27 Welsh Language Promotion Strategy.
- (3) T H A T Committee receive a breakdown of the 16 job roles referred to in the report where Welsh Language skills were listed as essential.
- (4) T H A T Elected Members be offered basic Welsh Language training as part of the Elected Member Induction Programme.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the reference and report, and to discussions at the meeting.
- (2&3) For Members' information.
- (4) To encourage Welsh Language skills amongst the Elected Membership.

231 [REVENUE OUTTURN POSITION 2025/26 \(REF\)](#) –

The Operational Manager for Accountancy presented the report, which provided Members with provisional outturn figures for the Council, following the end of the

financial year.

The Vice-Chair made the point that certain savings proposals listed in the report were ones which were not subsequently taken forward, and that this could be made clearer to Members in the report.

The Chair moved a recommendation that, due to the severity of the situation regarding school budgets, the Committee writes to Welsh Government requesting that the process of reviewing the funding model under which Local Authorities were funded by Welsh Government for schools, be sped up.

Following a suggestion from the Leader, the Chair agreed that it would be helpful for Committee to receive further information regarding Additional Learning Needs (ALN) consequential funding, and for the Leader to circulate documents relating to this to the committee, as well as the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) being invited to provide an all-member briefing on the topic.

Following discussion of the item, Committee

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the reference and report be noted
- (2) T H A T Finance Officers include in future Revenue Monitoring reporting a breakdown of whether savings proposals are still being pursued, are on hold, or have been found through other avenues.
- (3) T H A T the Resources Scrutiny Committee writes to Welsh Government requesting that the process of reviewing the funding model under which Local Authorities were funded for schools, be sped up.
- (4) T H A T the Leader forward information relating to Additional Learning Needs consequential funding to Members of this Committee.
- (5) T H A T the Welsh Local Government Association be invited to provide an all-member briefing on Additional Learning Needs consequential funding.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the reference and report and to discussions at the meeting.
- (2) For Members' information.
- (3) Due to the impact the current model was having on school finances and Members' concern over deficit school budgets.
- (4&5) For Members' information.

232 [CAPITAL OUTTURN 2025/26 \(REF\)](#) –

The Operational Manager for Accountancy presented the report, which provided detail on the outturn position for the Capital Programme 2025/26.

The overall position on the revised 2025/26 Capital Programme was a variance of £18.952m against an adjusted Programme of £92.717m. Despite capital schemes facing continued challenges due to significant cost increases, resulting in delays to projects, and major shortage of resources in many areas, it was pleasing to note that the 2025/26 Capital Programme outturn was £73.765m and this was outlined by Directorate in the report.

The Chair welcomed the detailed information provided to Committee regarding the slippage in the Programme, around why schemes may need to be slipped into the following financial year, and the work being done with Project Managers to assess the likelihood of projects being delivered on time, and within budget. The Chair requested that Committee continue to receive this level of detail going forward.

Following discussion of the item, Committee

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the reference and report be noted.
- (2) T H A T Committee continue to receive detailed information from Finance Officers at Committee meetings regarding slippage in the Capital Programme.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the reference and report and to discussions at the meeting.
- (2) For Members' information.

233 [FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2027/28 \(REF\)](#) –

The Director of Corporate Resources presented the report, which set the strategy for development of the Council's 2027/28 Budget and 2027/28 to 2031/32 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The report restated the MTFP's assumptions approved by Council in March 2026 and advised of new and emerging financial issues, while also setting out the Financial Strategy and process for approving the 2027/28 Budget and MTFP at Council in March 2027.

During discussion of the report, the Chair requested further information be presented to Committee regarding the work of the Council's Income Board.

Following discussion of the item, Committee

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T, having reviewed the Financial Strategy and assumptions made on costs and funding in the Medium Term Financial Plan refresh, these be noted.
- (2) T H A T Finance Officers provide Committee with further information regarding the work of the Council's Income Board.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the reference and report, and to discussions at the meeting.
- (2) For Members' information.

234 [VALE OF GLAMORGAN PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD \(PSB\) ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26 \(DCR\)](#) –

The Corporate Policy and Insight Manager presented the report, which set out some of the key achievements delivered by the Public Services Board (PSB) in the last year. It detailed the wide range of work that had been, and continues to be, taken forward by the partnership to achieve the objectives and priority workstreams set out in the PSB's Well-being Plan.

Following discussion of the item, Committee:

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board's Annual Report for 2025-26 and the progress partners have made in delivering the priorities set out in the Well-being Plan be noted.
- (2) T H A T a briefing be provided to Members on the various projects provided through the Public Services Board.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and to discussions at the meeting.
- (2) For Members' information and to assist Members with signposting residents to support.

235 [ENHANCING SUPPORT TO RESIDENTS DURING BEREAVEMENT \(DCR\)](#) –

The Operational Manager (and Statutory Head of) Democratic Services presented the report, which proposed to further develop the existing support available to residents following a bereavement, in line with the Council's aspiration within Vale 2030 of “supporting and protecting those who need us”. The Registration Service's

proposals included the development of further resources and materials to signpost residents to support available for people who had experienced loss, the introduction of a Civil Funeral Service, and providing a committal service for public health funerals.

Although Committee broadly welcomed the proposal, Councillors Carroll and Dr. Johnson raised some concerns over the potential for impact on independent local providers already operating in the market. The Operational Manager advised that it was not the intention to market the proposed service in a commercial sense, or to actively compete with existing providers but to offer an alternative provision in terms of its resilience, bilingualism and affordability. They further advised that there had been regular dialogue with wider market partners including local Celebrants on how to work collaboratively and in a joined-up way.

The Chair asked whether any death registration services could be delivered in the community, for example, by visiting residents at home, to further assist bereaved people at a difficult time, and recommended that this, as well as the concerns around the potential impact on existing local Celebrants, be considered by Cabinet.

Following discussion of the item, Committee

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the proposals around enhancing support to residents be endorsed, and that the report and remaining Recommendations (3)-(6) within the report be referred to Cabinet for their consideration and approval.
- (2) T H A T the additional recommendations of the Resources Scrutiny Committee below also be referred to Cabinet for their consideration alongside the report.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet consider the potential impact the proposals could have on the businesses of local Celebrants already providing a similar service.
- (4) T H A T Cabinet consider whether death registration services could be provided to residents within local communities.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To reflect Committee's support for the proposals and to progress the matter to Cabinet for their consideration and approval.
- (2) To make Cabinet aware of the views of the Resources Scrutiny Committee.
- (3) Due to Committee's concern that local businesses were not adversely affected by the proposals.
- (4) To explore whether residents could be further supported in this way.