



Place Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2025 - 26

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.	Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing.
Councillor Mark Wilson - Neighbourhood and Building Services.	

Democratic Services Contact	Committee Membership
Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Committee Membership Scrutiny Information

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 Glyn Niblett	Representative from the Tenant Working Group / Panel.
Mr Osian Caroll	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.
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 required.

Task and Finish Working Groups [Investigative]		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
A review on greater accessibility to beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan for people with disabilities (such as wheelchair users) and others (priority number one review).	<p>Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p> <p>Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	Approximately 12 weeks; completion date to be confirmed.
To review the interlinked issues of refuse on local beaches and the wider matters around local holiday resorts (priority number two)	<p>Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	To be confirmed.

<p>review, to be undertaken following the completion of the first priority - a potential third option would be around the results of the tenant satisfaction survey and to help in developing the subsequent actions. However, it was agreed by the Committee at its meeting in July 2025 that this and the other remaining suggestions would come back to the Committee as part of a further report once the initial two priorities/reviews had been undertaken).</p>	<p>Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	
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Place Committee Meetings [Proposal, etc.]		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
A Voluntary Ban on the Sale and Use of “Flying Rings” Throughout the Vale of Glamorgan (reference from Council)	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	May 2025 (update/follow up report in September 2025).
Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2021-2036 – Housing Growth in Barry (reference from Cabinet).	Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	May 2025.
Forward Work Programme Schedule 2025/26.	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	May 2025 (subsequently six monthly – to be confirmed).

Placemaking plans.	Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Nicola Sumner-Smith, Team Leader - Community Development nsumner-smith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	July 2025.
Project Zero Update report.	Susannah McWilliam, Programme Manager Project Zero (Climate Change) smcwilliam@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	July 2025.
Task and Finish Review Activity.	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	July 2025.
Update Report – No Flying Rings Campaign.	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	September 2025.
Update on the delivery of the Shared Prosperity Fund 2022 – 2026.	Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	September 2025.
Social Housing Delivery Priorities and Social Housing Grant Update.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services 01446 709516 MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	November 2025.
UPDATE - Bathing water quality at designated bathing beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan.	Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing mepunter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	November 2025.
Vale of Glamorgan Tree Strategy – update.	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Adam Sargent Neighbourhood Services Manager. asargent@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	November 2025.
Assessment of the aquapark at Cosmeston – report.	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	November 2025 (reference from Cabinet).
Coastal Erosion Review/ Monitoring.	Clive Moon, Engineering Manager – Environment	November 2025 (annual update).

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Initial Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals 2026/27 and Revised Budget 2025/26. (including rent setting).	Laura Davis Finance Support Manager 01446 704639 LLDavis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	November 2025/January 2026.
Community Investment Strategy.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services 01446 709516 MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.
20 mph limit review for the Vale of Glamorgan.	Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing. mepunter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.
Barry Making Waves Levelling Up projects and fund (LuF).	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Was September now scheduled for November 2025.
Long Term Plan for Towns Progress Report.	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.
Vale of Glamorgan Local Area Energy Plan.	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed
Court Road/on street parking update(s).	Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing mepunter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.
Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2021-2036 reports/updates.	Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed – various reports, etc. concerning housing growth, consultation, the RLDP Plan, report of consultation on Deposit Plan and approval for submission for Examination, etc.
To declare a local nature reserve at Barry's Old Harbour to help protect local wildlife (public petition).	Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing. mepunter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Colin Cheesman, County Ecologist crcheesman@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.
Cardiff Capital Region and update on Aberthaw Power Station.	Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.

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Parking Review for Barry Island.	Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing mepunter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.
Food and Farming / Agri Hub.	Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.
Forward Work Programme Schedule 2025/26.	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	November 2025. Biannually/six monthly basis (to be confirmed).
Update - Tenant & Leaseholder Participation Strategy / STAR survey Improvement Plan.	Farida Aslam Senior Neighbourhood Manager 02920673095 faslam@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.

Member Briefings		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		
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.	Briefing Session, date to be confirmed.

	Operational Manager - Housing Development. afreegard@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	
Update Report: Household Waste Recycling Centres.	Colin Smith Operational Manager - Neighbourhood Services: Operations ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	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	To be confirmed.
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	September 2025 – for information report.
Plan For Neighbourhoods (PfN).	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	In December 2025, possible briefing.
Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011-2026: Seventh Annual Monitoring Report 2024/2025	Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be confirmed.

