Live Well Scrutiny Committee
Forward Work Programme 2026 - 27

Corporate Plan Objectives	
Supporting and Protecting Those Who Need Us	**Creating Great Places to Live, Work and Visit**
Adult Services, Children and Young People's Services, and Resource Management & Safeguarding, Leisure and Sports.	Libraries, Arts, and Culture, Adult Community Learning, Community Safety, Homelessness, Public Protection – Shared Regulatory Services, and Equalities (external policy)

Cabinet Members	Directors
Cabinet Member – Social Care and Health	Director of Social Services
Cabinet Member - Education, Arts and the Welsh Language	Director of Learning and Skills
Cabinet Member - Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing	Director of Environment and Housing
Cabinet Member - Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement	
Cabinet Member - Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services	

Committee Membership	Democratic Services Contact
Chair: Millie Collins **Vice-Chair:** Belinda Loveluck-Edwards Full Committee Membership Webpage Scrutiny Information Webpage(s)	Amy Rudman Principal Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer arudman@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk 07784 239 277 / 01446 709 855

Co-opted Membership	
Osian Carroll osian.carroll@cacv.org.uk	Cardiff & Vale Citizens Advice, Housing Caseworker

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 (Committee Meetings)	Policies are in development and are seeking Scrutiny feedback and recommendations to help shape the Council's future direction.
Briefings / For Information Reporting (MemberNet/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.

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
Allocations (Homes 4 U) Policy Review: In line with Homelessness and Social Housing Allocations Wales Act 2026.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Post Senedd Election 2026 (Autumn). Pending official guidance being received from Welsh Government (Spring 2027).
Out-of-County Placements Review (*Tentative)*	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Post Placements Report arriving January 2027. Identify the most relevant aspect requiring closer examination.
Meeting and Welfare options for Senior Men in the Vale	Sian Clement Davies Age Friendly Vale Officer snclemett-davies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Officers would encourage Members to engage through the established initiative, including the website, rather than through the Task and Finish process to avoid duplication of work. (Community Catalysts)

Live Well Committee Meetings [Proposal]		
• 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**
Committee Forward Work Programme	Amy Rudman Democratic Services arudman@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19th May 2026 Last received 27th May 2025.
Annual Report of the Director of Social Services - Challenge Version	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19th May 2026 Last received 27th May 2025.
		7th July 2026
		15th September 2026
Social Care Records System	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	10th November 2026 Last received 27th May 2025.
Committee Forward Work Programme – Six Monthly Update	Amy Rudman Democratic Services arudman@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	10th November 2026 Last received 11th Nov 2025.
Annual Children and Young People Services Placements Review	Rachel Evans Head of Children and Young People Services. RJEvans@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	12th January 2026 Last received 13th January 2026.
Leisure Management Contract – Year 14 Annual Performance Report	Dave Knevett Operational Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living & Performance. DPKnevett@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	12th January 2027 Year 13 received 13th January 2026.
Request for Consideration Response - Update on Arts and Cultural Services in the	Matt Curtis (Interim) Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources.	12th January 2027

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Annual Equality Monitoring Report	Elyn Hannah Welsh and Inclusion Officer EHannah@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	12th January 2027
Welsh Language Promotion Strategy	Elyn Hannah Welsh and Inclusion Officer EHannah@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	12th January 2027
Social Services and Environment & Housing Directorate Plans 2027/27 to deliver Vale 2030, the Council's Corporate Plan 2025-30.	Helen Moses Operational Manager for Corporate Strategy and Insight. HMoses@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	9th March 2027 Last received 17th March 2026.
Outcome findings of the Vale of Glamorgan Care Home Provision Review.	Iain McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	9th March 2027 Following completion of review in Jan '27. As agreed at the 8th of July 2025 committee meeting.
Violence Against Women, Dometic Violence and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Revised Strategy Response.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	9th March 2027
Homelessness and Support	Nick Jones Operational Manager - Public Housing Services njones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	9th March 2027
Update Adult Services Day Opportunities	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	9th March 2027

For Information Reporting / Member Briefings
• 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.

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Annual Update regarding Unpaid Carers and Regional Carers Strategy	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	**Shared with Members 01.06.26.**
Leisure Management Contract – Year 14 Six-monthly update on performance data	Dave Knevett Operational Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living & Performance. DPKnevett@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due June 2026. Last received June '25. **Shared with Members 05.06.26.**
Family Information Service Annual Report	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due June 2026. Last received June '24. (Biennial Timeframe). **Shared with Members 23.06.26.**
Violence Against Women, Dometic Violence and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Revised Strategy Guidance and Information.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. **Shared with Members 01.07.26.**
Dewis Cymru Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Annual Report.	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. Last received November '25. **Shared with Members 22.09.2026**
Vale of Glamorgan Market Stability Report Refresh 2025 - 26. Placement Commissioning Strategy 2025 – 27.	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. **Shared with Members 27.07.26.**

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLs)	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. Last received October 2025. **Shared with Members 27.07.26.**
Update on the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board – Interim Report (Next RPB Report July '26)	Cath Doman, Director of Health and Social Care, Integration at Cardiff and Vale Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership. Cath.Doman@wales.nhs.uk	Due July 2026. To align with next RPB Report. Last received January '26. **Shared with Members 27.07.26.**
Joint CCTV Control Room, operated in partnership with Cardiff Council, that monitors the Vale of Glamorgan's CCTV cameras.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2026. Committee Site Visit. **Visits undertaken 07.07.26 and 21.07.26.**
Corporate Safeguarding (Annual reference from Cabinet)	Lance Carver Director of Social Services. lcarver@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due August/September 2026. Last received August '25. **Circulated 23.07.26** Item went to Cabinet for consideration – This document has been circulated to all members. View Minutes of meeting.
Youth Justice and Early Support Service: Annual Plan & Performance	Rachel Evans Head of Children and Young People Services. RJEvans@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due August 2026. Last received April '25. **Shared with Members 28.09.26.**
The Index Annual Report 2025 – 26.	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due September 2026. Last received November 2025. **Shared with Members 09.09.26.**
Shared Regulatory Services Business Plan Annual Report	Christina Hill Head of Shared Regulatory chill@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due September 2026. Last received 9th September 2025.
Update in relation to the Vale Alliance – an integrated model for the delivery of health and	Jason Bennett Head of Adult Services and Vale Alliance jbennett@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due November 2026.

social care to adult citizens in the Vale of Glamorgan.		
Libraries Annual Report	Matt Curtis (Interim) Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources. mcurtis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due November 2026. Subject to WLPS returns from Welsh Government. Last received 9th September 2025.
Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Regional Adoption Collaborative Annual Report	Rachel Evans Head of Children and Young People Services. RJEvans@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due November 2026. Last received December 2025. **Shared with Members 28.10.26.**
Annual Reports for Sports Development, 60+ Active Leisure Scheme and National Exercise Referral Scheme.	Dave Knevett Operational Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living & Performance. DPKnevett@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due November 2026. Last received November '24.
Local Housing Market Assessment	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due January 2027. Originally due May 2026. Last received May '24. (Biennial Timeframe) Pending timescale from Wesh Government.
Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2026 – 2029.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services. MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due March 2026. Last received 17th March 2026.
Annual Review of Commissioned Services to Adults with a Care and Support Need	Ian McMillan Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding. imcmillan@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Due July 2027. Last received 8th July 2025. (Biennial Timeframe)

Leisure Management Contract Members Working Group.
The Live Well Scrutiny Committee Leisure Management Contract Working Group was re-established by the Committee on the 12th September 2023, following a recommendation raised within the 2021 Leisure Services Audit Wales report that identified a need for Elected Members to be involved in the monitoring processes for the Council's Leisure Management Contract. The Group meet on an ad-hoc basis by invitation from the Operational Manager for Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living & Performance, and conduct site visits of the Vale of Glamorgan Leisure Centres and relevant services. The Group consists of six Elected Members from the Scrutiny Committee, not subject to political balance, with the last appointments made on 19th May 2026, being: Councillors A.M. Collins (Chair), I. Buckley, C.A. Cave, W.A. Hennessy. J. Lynch-Wilson and N.C. Thomas.
Previous Visits: - 29th September 2025, to explore the new leisure facilities on offer at Barry Leisure Centre. Upcoming Visits: - Winter 2026/27 – Penarth Leisure Centre: New Equipment Arrival. - Winter 2026/27 – Cowbridge Leisure Centre: Completion of new changing rooms.