

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 20th January, 2026.

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Present: Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Chair); Councillor C. Iannucci-Williams (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.M. Ball, P. Drake, A.M. Ernest, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman, E. Penn, I.A.N. Perry, C. Stallard and S.T. Wiliam.

Also present: M. Blackmore, K. Mitchell and D. Paskin (Tenant Working Group / Panel Representatives); O. Carroll (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale); and Councillors B.E. Brooks (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), C.P. Franks, S.M. Hanks, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), Dr. I.J. Johnson, E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors C.E.A. Champion and V.P. Driscoll.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 3. PETITION SUBMISSION – DECLARE A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (LNR) AT BARRY’S OLD HARBOUR (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Committee agrees, in principle, that a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) be declared at the Old Harbour site at Barry.
- (2) T H A T 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) T H A T 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.

(4) T H A T Welsh Water / Dwr Cymru and Natural Resources Wales be invited to attend this Committee at its next meeting in March, in order to address the issue of bathing water quality and the potential impact of sewage discharge on wildlife in the Vale of Glamorgan.

(5) T H A T the above recommendations be referred to Cabinet for their consideration and comment.

Reason for recommendations

(1-5) For Cabinet and any relevant Council officers to consider the recommendations made by the Place Scrutiny Committee regarding the Petition Submission to declare a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) at Barry's Old Harbour and the related report.

AGENDA ITEM 4. PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress and funding detailed in the report and Appendix A to the report 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 carbon emissions for 2024/25 be noted.

(3) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for their consideration.

(4) T H A T the report be shared with all elected Members, members of the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information.

(5) T H A T the 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, be included in the Committee's Forward Work Programme for future consideration and scrutiny (if this has not been done so already).

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 Cabinet to consider the report as part of its consideration of progress in delivering the Climate Change Challenge Plan.

(4) To update all Elected Members and other stakeholders on the arrangements in place to deliver Project Zero.

(5) To update the Committee on, and to provide it with an opportunity to, consider and scrutinise the Vale of Glamorgan Local Area Energy Plan, the work undertaken as part of it and the role of the new officer appointed in order to progress it.

AGENDA ITEM 5. TREE STRATEGY UPDATE REPORT (CX) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Tree Strategy Update Report be deferred to the next meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee for its consideration then.

Reason for recommendation

In order to allow sufficient time for the Committee to consider and scrutinise the update at the next meeting of the Committee, following the inclusion of an Urgent Item for Committee Members' consideration at the meeting of the Committee on 20th January, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 6. COASTAL MONITORING UPDATE (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T, 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 appropriate and covered any and all relevant risks at these locations.

(2) T H A T 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) T H A T 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.

(4) T H A T the progress and the current programme of coastal monitoring be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the contents and recommendation(s) of the report, as well as the discussions at the meeting and that Council officers consider the relevant recommendations made by the Committee for further action and consideration.

MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT –

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matter which the Chair had decided was urgent for the reason given beneath the minute heading be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 7(i) REVISED STREET SCHEME STRATEGY (2026-2031) (REF) – **(Urgent as the report was brought forward at the same time as the budget consultation report due to the need to amend the revenue budget (if agreed), as well as start work on the posts associated with the service and publicity required to notify residents about the change.)**

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T, having considered the urgent item, endorsed and noted the revised Strategy and, in view of no recommendations being received from the Committee, the relevant recommendations of the report were therefore considered as being agreed by Cabinet.

(2) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council ensures that it exercises any relevant powers it has in its possession to make sure that privately owned or managed public spaces be monitored, etc., effectively.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents and recommendations of the report, as well as the discussions at the meeting, and to ensure that all relevant recommendations be taken forward as promptly as possible, following their consideration by Cabinet and the Committee.

(2) To ensure effective monitoring and engagement by the Council in relation to privately owned or managed public spaces within the Vale of Glamorgan.