



Place Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2026 - 27

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.	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing.
Councillor Mark Wilson - Neighbourhood and Building Services.	

Committee Membership	Democratic Services Contact
Chair: Councillor Lloyd-Selby Vice Chair: to be confirmed Committee Membership Webpage Scrutiny Information Webpage(s)	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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 David Paskin	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.
For Information Reporting / 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 as 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
To review the interlinked issues of refuse on local beaches and the wider matters around local holiday resorts.	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Schedule to be confirmed – approved as the second task and finish to be undertaken by Committee at its meeting in July 2025 and in April 2026, following the review on

		providing greater accessibility to beaches in the Vale of Glamorgan.
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Place Committee Meetings [Proposal, etc.]

- 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
Scrutiny Arrangements: First Year Review and Approval of the Forward Work Programme 2026/27.	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	26 th May, 2026
Update - Bathing Water Quality Ongoing Investigations and Work Programmes from Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales.	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Jason Bale, Operational Manager - Enterprise and Specialist Services (SRS) jabale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Representatives of Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales.	26 th May, 2026
Request for consideration report - Poets Corner - concerning Bus service provision and routing in Penarth.	Kyle Phillips Operational Manager Transport Services kwphillips@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be reported to the Committee, provisionally on 14 th July, 2026.



<p>Plan For Neighbourhoods (PfN).</p>	<p>Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p> <p>Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>This was recently taken to Cabinet on 28th May 2026 (also known as Pride in Place Programme – Barry). This was not directly referred on to Scrutiny. Following the meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee on 2nd June 2026, it was recommended that it will be considered by Scrutiny either as a call-in or as a briefing.</p>
<p>Waste Strategy Report (ten-year strategy) (Cabinet reference).</p>	<p>Colin Smith Operational Manager - Neighbourhood Services: Operations ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>Rescheduled from the last municipal year – 14th July, 2026.</p>
<p>Placemaking update.</p>	<p>Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>14th July, 2026 (Cabinet reference).</p>
<p>Project Zero Update.</p>	<p>Susannah McWilliam, Programme Manager Project Zero (Climate Change) smcwilliam@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>14th July, 2026. To be decided if this will be a FIO report. (Usually received bi-annually, in July and January).</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>This was recently taken to Cabinet on 28th May 2026 (also known as Local Area Energy Plan). This was not directly referred on to Scrutiny. Following the meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee on 2nd June 2026, it was recommended that it will be considered by Scrutiny either as a call-in or as a briefing.</p>
<p>Update on the delivery of the Shared Prosperity and Local Growth Funds.</p>	<p>Phil Chappell, Operational Manager, Regeneration prchappell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>22nd September, 2026.</p>

<p>Deposit Replacement Local Development Plan</p>	<p>Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p> <p>Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>17th November, 2026 (Cabinet reference).</p>
<p>Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011–2026. Eighth Annual Monitoring Report 2025-26</p>	<p>Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p> <p>Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>17th November, 2026 (Cabinet reference).</p>
<p>Updated Forward Work Programme Schedule 2026/27.</p>	<p>Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>Following the meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee on 2nd June 2026, it was recommended that the report be moved from the scheduled meeting on 17th November, 2026 to a later Committee meeting date, due to the inclusion of the Deposit Replacement Local Development Plan and Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011-2026 in November’s Place Scrutiny Committee meeting.</p>
<p>Beach Accessibility Review Update (to include related matters, such as the No Flying Rings Campaign update).</p>	<p>Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p> <p>Adam Sargent Neighbourhood Services Manager. asargent@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>Following the meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee on 2nd June 2026, it was recommended that the report be moved from the scheduled meeting on 17th November, 2026 to a later Committee meeting date, due to the inclusion of the Deposit Replacement Local</p>

		Development Plan and Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011-2026 in November's Place Scrutiny Committee meeting.
Community benefits / social value report (Environment and Housing Directorate).	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services 01446 709516 MIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date to be confirmed – late 2026.
Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals Rent Setting and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan.	Matt Bowmer Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer mbowmer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	To be held via an Extraordinary / Special meeting on 5 th January, 2027.
Tree Strategy Update Report.	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Adam Sargent Neighbourhood Services Manager. asargent@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19 th January, 2027.
Update/Cabinet Reference - Review of Pilot Leisure Activity at Cosmeston Country Park	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place. mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19 th January, 2027.
Coastal Monitoring Update.	Clive Moon, Engineering Manager – Environment crmoon@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19 th January, 2027 - either investigative/proposal or a FIO type report.
Update on Petition Submission – Declare a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) at Barry's Old Harbour	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk County Ecologist. Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	16 th March, 2027.

	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	
Directorate Plans – Place and Environment and Housing.	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place. mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	16th March, 2027.
Update on Revised Street Scheme Strategy (2026-2031).	Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Either an investigative/proposal or a FIO type report. Date to be confirmed, but provisionally early 2027.
Task and Finish Review on the interlinked issues of refuse on local beaches and the wider matters around local holiday resorts.	Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Final report of the latest Task and Finish Review – date to be confirmed.
Update - Tenant & Leaseholder Participation Strategy / STAR survey Improvement Plan.	Farida Aslam Senior Neighbourhood Manager 02920673095 faslam@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date to be confirmed – pending the new survey being undertaken.
Social Housing Delivery Priorities and Social Housing Grant Update.	Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services 01446 709516 MIIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Date to be confirmed – pending update from Welsh Government following the Senedd elections.
Tenant Working Group / Panel Annual report	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Mike Ingram Head of Housing and Building Services 01446 709516 MIIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	19th January, 2027 / 16th March, 2027
Barry Making Waves Levelling Up projects and fund (LuF).	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	This was recently taken to Cabinet on 28 th May 2026 (also known Barry)

		<p>Making Waves Levelling Up Fund Update Report).</p> <p>This was not directly referred on to Scrutiny. Following the meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee on 2nd June 2026, it was recommended that it will be considered by Scrutiny either as a call-in or as a briefing.</p>
Court Road / on street parking update(s).	<p>Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p> <p>Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	Date / details to be confirmed – pending related work around Placemaking being undertaken / completed.
Cardiff Capital Region and update on Aberthaw Power Station.	<p>Ian Robinson, Head of Sustainable Development irobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p> <p>Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place mjgoldsworthy@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	Deferred – until new Managing Director has been confirmed. Date therefore to be confirmed.
Parking Review for coastal locations in the Vale of Glamorgan (possible Cabinet reference)	<p>Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p> <p>Colin Smith, Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport ccsmith@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	Date / details to be confirmed.
Task and Finish Review – further review proposals.	<p>Mark Thomas Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer 01446 709279 methomas@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	Date to be confirmed; this will be subject to the completion of the second and latest review and consideration given to previous or new suggestions.



Member Briefings / For Information Reporting

- 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.

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 MIIngram@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Andrew Freeguard. Operational Manager - Housing Development. afreeguard@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Briefing Session - schedule 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	FIO report (October or November 2026).
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	FIO report (September 2026).
Update Report – new build housing (Vale of Glamorgan Council and partners).	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing. tbaker@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Mike Ingram	Date / details to be confirmed – possible FIO report or update / summary on progress.

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Initial Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals 2027/28 and Revised Budget 2026/27.	Matt Bowmer Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer mbowmer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk	Provisionally FIO – for consultation with Members outside of scrutiny process (including a briefing if required).
Empty Property Handbook/Updates on Empty Homes Grants and Property Loans	Cath Smith/Eleri Nicholas.	FIO report: June 2026.
Section 6 biodiversity-resilience ecosystems duty reporting VOGC.	Steve Pickering	FIO report: July 2026.