

Meeting of:	<b>Resources Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Wednesday, 25 March 2026</b>
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Resources Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:	Update Presentation on School Budgets
Purpose of Report:	To advise and update members on recent progress in addressing the issue of deficit budgets within schools.
Report Owner:	Elizabeth Jones - Director of Learning and Skills
Responsible Officer:	Matthew Curtis – Head of Strategy, Community Learning and Resources
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	N/A
Policy Framework:	The recommendations of this report are within existing policy framework and budget
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At their Committee Meeting of 9th July 2025, in relation to the Closure of Accounts 2024/5 report, members requested updated information regarding the work being carried out to mitigate and improve the issue of overspends in education and deficit school budgets. As this topic overlaps with the remit of the Start Well Scrutiny Committee, a presentation has been prepared by Officers, and will be delivered at the meeting.</li> </ul>	

## **Recommendation**

1. That members consider the information presented to Committee at the meeting, with any recommendations being forwarded to Cabinet.

## **Reason for Recommendation**

1. To ensure Committee Members are informed of the up-to-date situation regarding School Budgets in deficit, and work that is underway to address the issue.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 At their Committee Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025, in relation to the Closure of Accounts 2024/5 report, members requested updated information regarding the work being carried out to mitigate and improve the issue of overspends in education and deficit school budgets. As this topic overlaps with the remit of the Start Well Scrutiny Committee, a presentation has been prepared by Officers, and will be delivered at the meeting.

## **2. Key Issues for Consideration**

- 2.1 Information on the key issues is contained within the presentation (to follow).

## **3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?**

- 3.1 The Council's revenue budget and therefore its expenditure is incurred in order to achieve its priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan, Vale 2030.

## **4. Climate Change and Nature Implications**

- 4.1 N/A

## **5. Resources and Legal Considerations**

### **Financial**

- 5.1 Any financial considerations will be included as part of the presentation delivered during the meeting.

### **Employment**

- 5.2 Any employment considerations will be included as part of the presentation delivered during the meeting.

### **Legal (Including Equalities)**

- 5.3 Any legal considerations will be included as part of the presentation delivered during the meeting.

### **6. Background Papers**

[https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/\\_Committee Reports/Scrutiny-New-2025/Scrutiny-Resources/2025/25-07-09/Closure-of-Accounts-Report.pdf](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Scrutiny-New-2025/Scrutiny-Resources/2025/25-07-09/Closure-of-Accounts-Report.pdf)