



***ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND
STREETSCENE SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE***

10.00 AM FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2025

***MULTI-LOCATION MEETING - COUNCIL CHAMBER, PORT TALBOT
& MICROSOFT TEAMS***

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PART A

1. Chair's Announcements
2. Declarations of Interest

Part 1

3. To Consider items from the Cabinet Forward Work Programme
 - (a) Use of Containers on Small Vehicle 'back bag' Waste Collection Rounds (*Pages 5 - 30*)

Part 2

4. To consider items from the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
 - (a) Verbal Update - Regeneration Strategy (*Pages 31 - 38*)

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Part 4

6. Selections of items for future scrutiny (*Pages 39 - 50*)
 - Cabinet Forward Work Programme
 - Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
7. Urgent Items
Any urgent items at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Section 100BA(6)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

F.O'Brien
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

7 February 2025

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: **Councillor S.Pursey**

Vice
Chairperson: **Councillor T.Bowen**

Councillors: C.James, L.Williams, A.Dacey, R.Davies,
R.W.Wood, J.Jones, C.Clement-Williams,
G.Rice, B.Woolford and H.C.Clarke

Notes:

- (1) *If Committee Members or non-Committee Members wish to have relevant items put on the agenda for future meetings, then please notify the Chief Executive/Chair eight days before the meeting.*

- (2) *If non-Committee Members wish to attend for an item of interest, then prior notification needs to be given (by 12.00 noon on the day before the meeting). Non-Committee Members may speak but not vote, or move or second any motion.*

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Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Scrutiny Committee

14th February 2025

Report of the Head of Streetcare – Mike Roberts

MATTER FOR: Decision

WARDS AFFECTED: All Wards

Use of Containers on Small Vehicle ‘back bag’ Waste Collection
Rounds

Purpose of Report

To establish a policy in relation to the use of containers by residents on black bag waste collection rounds. This relates to properties in areas where, due to access issues, collections can only be carried out with smaller vehicles without bin lifts.

Background

The scrutiny committee have selected this item for pre-decision scrutiny ahead of presentation to Cabinet on the 12th March 2025 for decision.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Integrated Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

Valleys Communities Impacts

Not applicable.

Workforce Impacts

Not applicable.

Legal Impacts

Not applicable.

Risk Management Impacts

Not applicable.

Crime and Disorder Impacts

Not applicable.

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts

Not applicable.

Consultation

There is no requirement under the constitution for consultation on this item.

Recommendations

Following scrutiny, it is recommended that Members support the recommendation outlined in the draft cabinet report.

Appendices

Use of Containers on Small Vehicle 'back bag' Waste Collection Rounds

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET Draft for Scrutiny

Report of the Head of Streetcare – Mike Roberts

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Use of Containers on Small Vehicle ‘back bag’ Waste Collection Rounds

Purpose of the Report:

To establish a policy in relation to the use of containers by residents on black bag waste collection rounds. This relates to properties in areas where, due to access issues, collections can only be carried out with smaller vehicles without bin lifts.

Executive Summary:

This report is concerned with residual waste collection only, at approximately 3,000 properties across the Borough served by small collection vehicles.

Most residual waste collections in the county borough are carried out using large waste collection vehicles with bin lifts. However, at around 3,000 properties that have difficult access, or are in outlying locations, we cannot use the larger vehicles. Instead, at these properties, we use smaller vehicles to collect waste. These smaller vehicles do not have mechanical bin-lifting equipment, and collections

are carried out manually. As such, we provide black bags to these properties, and ask residents to present their waste in black bags, which can then be manually loaded onto the smaller vehicles.

Increasingly, residents on small vehicle rounds are presenting their black bag waste in containers, many of which are unsuitable for manual collection. For example, residents are presenting their waste in wheeled bins which they have acquired over time.

Whilst black bag waste can be stored in any container that residents wish to use within the confines of their property in between collections, waste presentation has to be suitable for safe operation by the council's waste crews. Clear policy is needed to avoid confusion and ensure consistent service delivery, which should in turn reduce the number of missed collection complaints from properties on small vehicle collection rounds.

This report is intended to formally clarify policy to take effect from 1st April 2025.

Background:

The council provides refuse collections to around 67,000 properties across the county borough, of which just over 3,000 are in outlying or difficult to access locations where the large waste collection vehicles used for wheeled bin collections cannot be used. In these areas the council provides black bags in which residents are required to present their refuse for collection. These collections are undertaken using smaller caged tipper vehicles.

We receive numerous requests from residents on black bag rounds to provide wheeled bins, and these are generally declined because these properties are provided with bags and are on a bag collection service.

The smaller vehicles do not have mechanical bin lifts and crews are unable to lift wheeled bins or oversized containers safely to empty them. Crews have to manually remove each bag from the bin. Aside from time constraints, there are health and safety issues to consider. Depending on the containers used, they include having to 'bin dive' to retrieve bags in the bottom of the bin. In addition, the hazards of manually emptying wheeled bins, including the risk of laceration/needle stick injury, are compounded where residents compact bagged waste within bins.

The operational position on small vehicle black bag waste collection rounds to date has been that no wheeled bins will be provided but residents are instead provided with black bags. Furthermore whilst bagged waste can be stored in any way or in any container chosen by a resident within the confines of their property, containers should not be used for the presentation of waste for collection. The black bags need to be removed from storage containers and the bags must be placed at the kerbside on waste collection day.

Over the years some residents on bag collection rounds have acquired wheeled bins or other containers to store waste, and some of these residents are presenting waste in the containers for collection. Where waste is presented for collection in containers, staff are unable to collect the waste for the health and safety reasons previously referred to. The absence of a clear policy can lead to inconsistent service delivery and confusion with the resulting non-collections generating complaints.

This report is therefore proposed to clarify policy in relation to small vehicle black bag collection rounds.

Financial Impacts:

None.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

An Integrated Impact Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The assessment has concluded that the proposed policy should continue as planned.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

A number of properties on small vehicle black bag waste collection rounds are located within our valleys communities.

Workforce Impacts:

The current sporadic and unregulated use of wheeled bins for presentation of waste on black bag collection rounds is leading to issues for employees which this report aims to address.

Whilst risks from sharps within any presentation container which is manually emptied presents a risk to our collection crews, this risk exists for all bag collections and is addressed by risk assessments and method statements.

Legal Impacts:

No Impacts

Risk Management Impacts:

Manual handling risks will be reduced by clarification of policy.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

The Health and Safety Section and collection crews have had input to the proposed policy.

Recommendations:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, it is proposed that Members approve the policy set out in Appendix 1 with respect to the use of containers by residents for presentation of black bagged waste on small vehicle collection rounds, the key points of which are:

- a) On small vehicle black bag collection rounds, residents must place their waste into black bags for collection;
- b) Wheeled bins will not be provided to residents on small vehicle bag collection rounds;
- c) Where waste is put out for collection in containers on small vehicle black bag waste collection rounds it will not be collected;
- d) Council wheeled bins already in circulation being used as containers on black bag collection rounds can be retained by residents within their property for storage between collections if they so wish, but should residents put them out for waste collection they will be removed along with the black bag waste within them (and reused where possible on bin collection rounds).

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To determine policy and a consistent position in relation to the presentation, by residents, of refuse within containers on bag collection rounds.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Use of Containers on Small Vehicle Black Bag Waste Collection Rounds Policy
Appendix 2 Integrated Impact Assessment

List of Background Papers:

None

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Policy for the use of containers on small vehicle black bag waste collection rounds

Background:

This Policy relates to approximately 3000 properties where the Council undertakes refuse collections using smaller caged tipper vehicles without bin lifts.

The council provides refuse collections to around 67,000 properties across the county borough, of which just over 3,000 are in outlying or difficult to access locations where the large waste vehicles used for wheeled bin collections cannot be used. In these areas the council provides black bags in which residents are required to present their refuse for collection. These collections are undertaken using smaller caged tipper vehicles which do not have bin lifts and waste has to be loaded manually.

Some residents on the smaller caged tipper vehicle rounds have been choosing to present their black bag waste for collection in containers, however these cannot always be emptied safely as the containers have to be emptied manually.

Storage between collections:

This policy is concerned with the presentation of residual waste for collection only, not the storage of waste between collections. Between collections, residents can store their bagged refuse in any way or container they see fit within the confines of their property.

Presentation of refuse for collections on small vehicle black bag waste collection rounds:

On small vehicle black bag waste collection rounds, residents must place their waste into black bags for collection;

Wheeled bins will not be provided to residents on small vehicle black bag collection rounds (residents on black bag collections are provided with black bags for waste presentation);

Where waste is put out for collection within containers on small vehicle black bag collection rounds then the waste will not be collected;

Wheeled bins currently in use by householders on small vehicle black bag collection rounds:

Any council wheeled bins already in circulation being used on small vehicle black bag waste collection rounds can be retained by residents within their property for storage between collections if they so wish. However, if they are placed out for collection both the waste and bin will be removed.

Presentation of recycling for collections:

This policy is concerned with residual waste only, not recyclable waste.

Residents are encouraged to present all food waste in the 'lockable' food waste bin for the weekly collection service.

Recyclables must be presented loose in the containers provided. There is no limit to the amount of recycling that can be presented for the weekly collection.

Implementation:

This policy is proposed to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2025.

Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

This Integrated Impact Assessment considers the duties and requirements of the following legislation in order to inform and ensure effective decision making and compliance:

- Equality Act 2010
- Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015
- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
- Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Version Control

Version	Author	Job title	Date
e.g. Version 1			

1. Details of the initiative

	Title of the Initiative: Use of Containers on small vehicle black bag waste collection rounds
1a	Service Area: Waste Services
1b	Directorate: Environment & Regeneration
1c	Summary of the initiative: This Policy relates to approximately 3,000 properties where the Council undertakes refuse collections using smaller caged tipper vehicles without bin lifts .
1d	Is this a 'strategic decision'? Yes, the initiative affects the medium and long term approach to service delivery
1e	Who will be directly affected by this initiative? Up to approximately 3,000 residential properties within the County Borough that makes use of the Council's collection service and collection personnel
1f	When and how were people consulted? Discussions were carried out with Operational staff, Trade Unions, Health and the Safety Section, along with other local authorities following issues being identified by our workforce arising from some residents on 'black bag' rounds using containers to present their waste for collection.

1g What were the outcomes of the consultation? The presentation of a policy report to Members.

2. Evidence

What evidence was used in assessing the initiative?

Feedback from waste collection operations
 Discussions with Health and Safety section and other local authorities
 Complaints from members of the public

3. Equalities

a) How does the initiative impact on people who share a **protected characteristic**?

Protected Characteristic	+	-	+/-	Why will it have this impact?
Age			✓	The service provides an assisted collection service for elderly residents and/or residents with a disability, and the current policy will remain unchanged as part of this initiative. There are no changes proposed to kerbside recycling collections. In terms of collection personnel, implementing policy in relation to the use of containers by resident on bag collections will help ensure their health and safety at work.
Disability			✓	The service provides an assisted collection service for elderly residents and/or residents with a disability, and the current policy will remain unchanged as part of this initiative. There are no changes proposed to kerbside recycling collections. In terms of collection personnel, implementing policy in relation to the use of containers by resident on bag collections will help ensure their health and safety at work.
Gender reassignment			✓	No impact

Marriage & civil partnership			✓	No impact
Pregnancy and maternity			✓	No impact
Race			✓	No impact
Religion or belief			✓	No impact
Sex			✓	No impact
Sexual orientation			✓	No impact

What action will be taken to improve positive or mitigate negative impacts?

We will continue to work with all of our collection crews to ensure records of assisted collections are up to date. Introduction of the digital in-cab technology will improve information available to the collection crews, and Supervisors in real time, helping to improve the service.

We will continue to deliver black refuse bags to the properties on the black bag rounds and will continue to collect the residual waste presented in black bags.

Recycling collections will not change.

Whilst there is not believed to be any negative impact on people with protected characteristics, we will continue to assess feedback received from the small number of residents affected by the change and will continue to communicate directly with those residents on the associated rounds as required.

b) How will the initiative assist or inhibit the ability to meet the **Public Sector Equality Duty**?

Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED)	+	-	+/-	Why will it have this impact?
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To eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation			✓	See below
To advance equality of opportunity between different groups			✓	See below
To foster good relations between different groups			✓	See below

What action will be taken to improve positive or mitigate negative impacts?

Our kerbside waste and recycling collection services are universally the same across the county borough as far as it suits local needs, allowing every community and household access to the same service whether a valley community, urban, or in a rural areas, and our assisted collection service is available to all those that require one.

The proposed policy will provide for consistency across the county borough and ensure that refuse on rounds loaded by hand will be manageable for our employees' health and safety.

4. Socio Economic Duty

Impact	Details of the impact/advantage/disadvantage
Positive/Advantage	-
Negative/Disadvantage	-

Neutral	<p>The proposal ensures a more consistent service is provided across the county borough as we do not provide both black bags and wheelie bins to other areas of the county borough and we do not require our collection crews to pull black bag waste out of wheelie bins on other collection rounds.</p> <p>We will continue to deliver black refuse bags to the properties on the black sack waste collection rounds and will continue to collect residual waste in black bags.</p> <p>Recycling collections will not change. We will continue to collect recycling, including food waste on a weekly basis. We will continue to provide recycling equipment free of charge (other than green garden waste bags)</p> <p>We will continue our commitment to deal with all service requests as necessary and will engage with all residents on the affected collection rounds as required.</p>
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What action will be taken to reduce inequality of outcome
We will continue our commitment to deal with all service requests as necessary and will engage with all residents on the affected collection rounds as required.

5. Community Cohesion/Social Exclusion/Poverty

	+	-	+/-	Why will it have this impact?
Community Cohesion			✓	The proposal ensures a more consistent service is provided across the county borough as we do not provide both black bags and wheelie bins to other areas of the

				<p>county borough and we do not require our collection crews to pull black bag waste out of wheelie bins on other collection rounds.</p> <p>We will continue to deliver black refuse bags to the properties on black sack collection rounds.</p> <p>We will continue our commitment to deal with all service requests and will engage with all residents on the affected collection rounds as required.</p> <p>Recycling collections will not change.</p>
Social Exclusion			✓	See above
Poverty			✓	See above

What action will be taken to improve positive or mitigate negative impacts?

This policy largely confirms current long standing custom and practice. As well as continuing with refuse collections, the Council will continue to provide recycling equipment free of charge and we encourage all our residents to recycle as much of their waste as possible, including food waste, which can be presented for weekly collections in secure food waste containers.

We will continue our commitment to deal with all service requests and will engage and help all residents on the affected collection rounds as required.

6. Welsh

	+	-	+/-	Why will it have this effect?
What effect does the initiative have on: – people’s opportunities to use the Welsh language	✓			Welsh and English Languages are available online. All our literature will be produced in Welsh and English, with each language given equal priority.
– treating the Welsh and English languages equally	✓			Welsh and English Languages are available online. All our literature will be produced in Welsh and English, with each language given equal priority.

What action will be taken to improve positive or mitigate negative impacts?

The Welsh Translation Unit will be used to carry out all Welsh language translations and will comply with the Council’s Welsh Language Promotion Strategy 2023/27

7. Biodiversity

How will the initiative assist or inhibit the ability to meet the **Biodiversity Duty**?

Biodiversity Duty	+	-	+/-	Why will it have this impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity			✓	Provision of a reliable collection service helps protect the local environment and ensures the safe disposal/recycling of collected materials at licenced facilities.

To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.			✓	As above
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What action will be taken to improve positive or mitigate negative impacts?

Not applicable

8. Well-being of Future Generations

How have the five ways of working been applied in the development of the initiative?

Ways of Working	Details
i. Long term – looking at least 10 years (and up to 25 years) ahead	Provision of reliable waste and recycling kerbside collection services ensures the safe disposal of waste and recycling in the longer term and helps protect the local environment. Provision of a consistent collections policy across the county borough helps ensure longer term service resilience and promotes better community relationships and cohesion.
ii. Prevention – preventing problems occurring or getting worse	Provision of a consistent collections policy across the county borough ensures our services are universally the same as far as it meets local needs. The use of wheeled bin containers on ‘black bag’ collection rounds potentially presents health and safety issues and time pressures on our collection service and the proposed policy can address this.

iii. Collaboration – working with other services internal or external	We have consulted with the collection operatives, Supervisors, Health and Safety team and Trade Unions when developing the current Policy.
iv. Involvement – involving people, ensuring they reflect the diversity of the population	The proposal ensures a more consistent service is provided across the county borough. We will continue our commitment to deal with all service requests as necessary and will engage with all residents on the affected collection rounds as required.
v. Integration – making connections to maximise contribution to:	As above
Council’s well-being objectives	The council’s well-being objectives are considered at a service level in our Waste Service Delivery plan and Waste Strategy. The Waste Strategy and action plan ensures our services are considered and provided in a sustainable way. Our ‘kerb sort’ recycling service will remain the same under the policy and provides high quality material for recycling into new products. Our collection services employs more than 140 operatives helping Wales to become more prosperous and resilient.
Other public bodies objectives	NHS/Social Services – Waste collection services undertake a function of public health and the provision of services for proper disposal and recycling of waste minimises risk to health, helping Neath Port Talbot to become a healthier place to live and work. Welsh Government (WG) – achievement of recycling targets helps WG achieve climate change ambitions and minimise impact on natural resources South Wales Police and NRW – our collection services allows for the safe disposal and recycling of collected waste and helps reduce the opportunities to commit environmental crime.

9. Monitoring Arrangements

Provide information on the monitoring arrangements to:

Monitor the impact of the initiative on Equalities, Community Cohesion, the Welsh Measure, Biodiversity Duty and the Wellbeing Objectives.

Monitoring of our collection services will continue, and we will deal with service requests and queries as required and will engage with all residents on the affected collection rounds as required. Service specific indicators will be reported every quarter as part of our Key Performance Measures.

Our Waste Strategy and the associated action plan will be updated periodically. Any specific actions and activities that are proposed to our services are subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to assist the decision-making process and will consider the impact on all our communities.

The Waste Services Delivery Plan will be subject to monitoring.

10. Assessment Conclusions

Please provide details of the conclusions reached in relation to each element of the assessment:

	Conclusion
Equalities	No impacts. Provision of our assisted collection service for those that require one will continue. Black bags will continue to be delivered for non-recyclable residual waste and our kerbside recycling service will remain the same. There are no limits on the amount of recycling (including food waste) that can be presented for collection.
Socio Economic Disadvantage	No impacts. Our kerbside waste and recycling collection services are universally the same across the county borough as far as it suits local needs, allowing every community and household access to the same service whether a valley community, urban, or in a rural areas and our assisted collection service is available to for all those that require one.
Community Cohesion/ Social Exclusion/Poverty	No impacts. This policy is concerned with the presentation of residual waste for collection only, not the storage of waste between collections within the confines of a property. Between collections, residents can store their bagged refuse in any way or container they see fit within the confines of their property. This policy does not propose any changes to collections of recyclable waste. Residents are encouraged to present all food waste in the 'lockable' food waste bin for the weekly collection service.

	<p>Recyclables shall be presented loose in the containers provided. There is no limit to the amount of recycling that can be presented for the weekly collection.</p> <p>The proposal ensures a more consistent service is provided across the county borough as we do not provide both black bags and wheelie bins to other areas of the county borough and we do not require our collection crews to pull black bag waste out of wheelie bins on other collection rounds.</p> <p>We will continue our commitment to deal with all service requests as necessary and will engage with all residents on the affected collection rounds as required.</p>
Welsh	Positive. All literature and online information will be produced bilingually
Biodiversity	Positive. Provision of a reliable collection service helps protect the local environment and ensures the safe disposal/recycling of collected materials at licenced facilities.
Well-being of Future Generations	There are no changes proposed to the kerbside recycling service. The initiative helps improve the collection service and helps towards achieving Zero Waste by 2050. The policy reduces potential health and safety issues to our crews. It helps Wales become more resilient, healthier, globally responsible, more equal and a place of cohesive communities while promoting the Welsh Language.

Overall Conclusion

Please indicate the conclusion reached:

- **Continue** - as planned as no problems and all opportunities have been maximised
- **Make adjustments** - as potential problems/missed opportunities/negative impacts have been identified along with mitigating actions
- **Justification** - for continuing with the initiative even though there is a potential for negative impacts or missed opportunities
- **STOP** - redraft the initiative as actual or potential unlawful discrimination has been identified

Please provide details of the overall conclusion reached in relation to the initiative

Continue as planned.

11. Actions

What actions are required in relation to obtaining further data/information, to reduce or remove negative impacts or improve positive impacts?

Action	Who will be responsible for seeing it is done?	When will it be done by?	How will we know we have achieved our objective?
Continuous monitoring of complaints	Service Manager	Weekly	Monitored as part of Key Performance Indicators. Monitor incoming mail.
Continuous engagement with the small number of residents as necessary on the bag collection rounds	Service Manager	As required	Monitored as part of service management and provision of a more consistent collection service across the county borough
Review the Policy	Mike Roberts/Mike Jones	Twelve months after implementation	Policy reviewed

12. Sign off

	Name	Position	Signature	Date
Completed by	A Harvey	Principal Officer, Waste Mgt	AJH	8/1/25
Signed off by	M Roberts	Head of Service	MR	15/1/25

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Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT'S REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

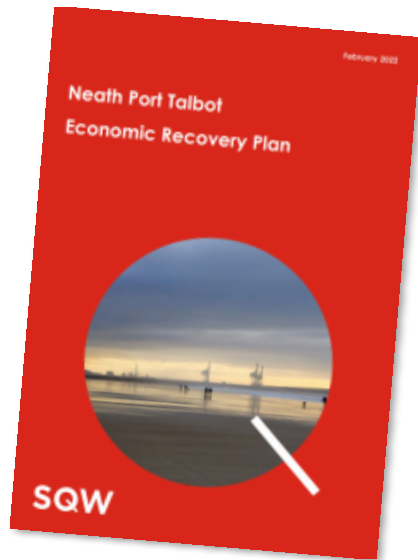
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Developing the draft Strategy
and preparing an investment
pipeline

Agenda Item 4a



Recap: Two years ago...



In the context of...

Regional Ambitions and Missions and wider national and UK policy

Long-term drivers of change across the economy (decarbonisation, digitalisation, demographic change)

Key Action Areas

Entrepreneurial and resilient economy

Transformational investment and change

Quality and connected communities

Future skills and opportunities

Enabled by...

Innovation and ideas – in business, community and public service

... and supporting

(Future) wider regeneration strategy and Wellbeing Plan



Since then...

Structural economic change



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Local strategic context

Place-Based Regeneration Strategies

Heritage Strategy

Culture Strategy

Destination Management Plan

Emerging Replacement LDP

Draft Skills Strategy

The national picture



Taking this into account: Aims and objectives

Taking account of...

- The local economic context and its existing strengths and assets
- Transformational changes and the challenges and opportunities associated with them
- The wider strategy landscape for NPT
- The evolving government policy context

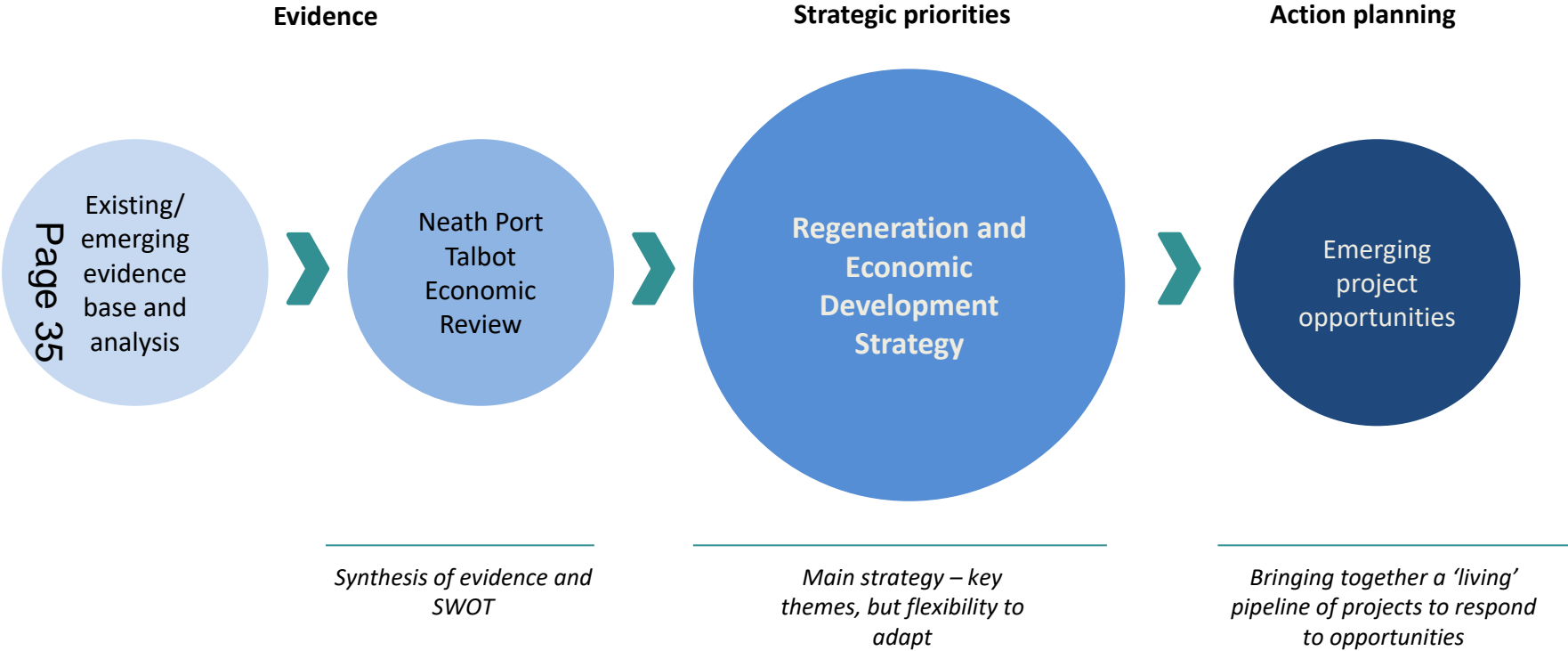
To develop...

- A “**single strategy**”, which synthesises the themes of the LEAP and the wider strategy landscape....
- which is **relevant to NPT as a whole**, taking account of the challenges and potential of Valleys communities as well as the towns and coastal corridor...
- ... provides a **stronger ‘place-based’ narrative** than the 2021/22 Recovery Plan, bringing together the local regeneration strategies within an overall economic context and rationale
- ... will **support proposals for UK and Welsh Government investment** and set out “the case for Neath Port Talbot”
- ... and will provide a **basis on which projects can be developed** and prioritised over the next few years

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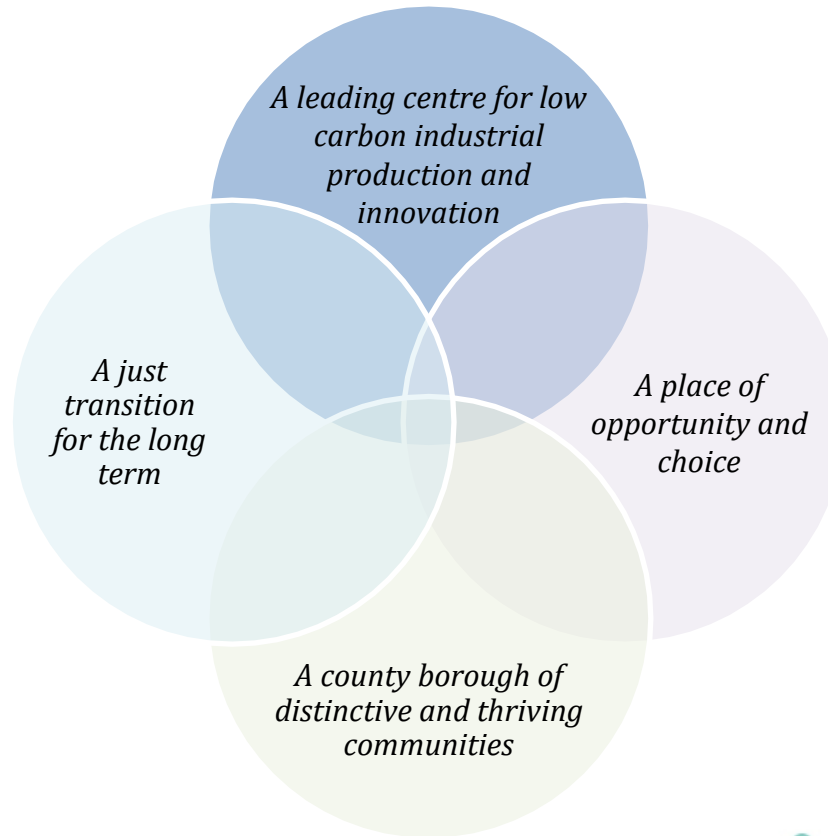


The overall structure



The headline framework presented last time

Core strategic ambitions



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Partner views and comments

1. Enthusiasm

- There was a lot of enthusiasm for developing a new strategy, in the context of the ‘big picture’ opportunities and challenges that NPT faces.
- In that context, support for a partnership approach and taking time to ‘get it right’



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CABINET Forward Work Programmes 24/25

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	TYPE	Contact Officer	Purpose of Report	Called for Scrutiny	Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Relevant Scrutiny committee
Cabinet 26 th February <u>BUDGET</u> <u>25/26</u>	Budget 25/26	For Decision	Huw Jones			Cllr. S.Knoyle	Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership
	UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025 -26	For Decision	Huw Jones			Cllr. S.Knoyle	Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	TYPE	Contact Officer	Purpose of Report	Called for Scrutiny	Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Relevant Scrutiny committee
Cabinet (Special) 12 th March 2025 Page 39	Revenue Budget Monitoring 24-25	For Decision	Huw Jones			Cllr.S.Knoyle Portfolio 2	Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership
	Capital Budget Monitoring 24-25	For Decision	Huw Jones			Cllr. S.Knoyle Portfolio 2	Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership
	Treasury Management Monitoring 24-25	For Decision	Huw Jones			Cllr. S.Knoyle Portfolio 2	Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership
	Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governor Representatives	For Decision	John Burge	Information on the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governor Representatives		Cllr. N.Jenkins Portfolio 3	Education, Skills and Wellbeing
	Purchase of Emergency Accommodation to Elevate Homelessness	For Decision	Chele Howard	In light of the ongoing need to utilize B & B/Hotels as emergency accommodation to elevate homelessness, it is requested that the Head of Housing and Communities continues to receive delegated authority to purchase B&B/Hotel placements.		Cllr A.Llewelyn Portfolio 8	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	Report on HWRC Feasibility	For Decision	Mike Roberts	To inform Members on the outcome of feasibility work into suitable sites for a new HRWC in the Afan Valley area, and seek a decision regarding further work or not (further to Measure 17 of the approved Waste Strategy Action Plan)	To be Confirmed	Cllr. S.Jones, Portfolio 10	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Regional Transport Plan	For Decision	David Griffiths/Brennan Griffiths/Amanda Phillips		NO	Cllr W.Griffiths	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Management of Japanese Knotweed	For Decision	James Davies	Update on the treatment policy and operational plan.		Cllr. W. Griffiths Portfolio 9	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services

	Quarter 3 Corporate Plan Performance Monitoring Report	For Monitoring	Louise McAndrew			Cllr S.Hunt Portfolio 1	Cabinet
	Commercial Property Grant for 3 – 4 Stations Square, Neath.	For Decision	Simon Brennan/ Andrew Collins				Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services.
	Various Traffic Orders (Detail not available)	For Decision	David Griffiths			Cllr W.Griffiths Portfolio 9	
	Various Land Disposal Reports (If Needed)	For Decision	Simon Brennan			Cllr J.Hurley Portfolio 4	

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Cabinet 19 th March							
	Updating the Missed Bin Policy	For Decision	Mike Roberts	To seek Member approval for an updated Missed Bin Policy (further to the implementation of Measure 1 of the approved Waste Strategy Action Plan, once completed)		Cllr.S.Jones Portfolio 10	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Fleet and Heavy Plant Renewals	For Decision	Kevin Lewis	This report seeks approval to procure new and replacement vehicles and heavy plant in 2025/2026 that has reached the end of their economic life cycle and require replacement in line with the Authority's Fleet Renewals Programme.	YES 14 th March	Cllr. W.Griffiths Portfolio 9	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Healthy Relationships for Stronger Communities Strategy	For Monitoring	Chele Howard/Elinor Wellington	12 Month Update This has to be seen its part of our Statutory Duties.		Cllr. A.Llewelyn Portfolio 8	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	Report on HWRC Feasibility	For Decision	Mike Roberts	To inform Members on the outcome of feasibility work into suitable sites for a new HRWC in the Afan Valley area, and seek a decision regarding further work or not (further to Measure 17 of the approved Waste Strategy Action Plan)	14 th March	Cllr. S.Jones, Portfolio 10	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Library Strategy	For Decision		To approve the Library Strategy	Scrutiny 6 th March To Be Confirmed	Cllr.C.Phillips Portfolio 5	Education, Skills and Wellbeing
	Permission to Proceed with the Remodelling of Supported Lodgings for Young People	For Decision	Keri Warren, Maria Selby and Gemma Hargest		To be Confirmed	Cllr. S.Harris Portfolio 6	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	Permission to Tender for Emergency Accommodation for Women – Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.	For Decision	Chele Howard/ Hayley Short	To feedback on the outcome of the consultation for the proposed remodel of emergency accommodation and seek permission to retender VAWDASV Emergency Accommodation on the feedback.	To be Confirmed	Cllr. A.Llewelyn Portfolio 8	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	DFG Proposal to reinstate Means Test for Small to Medium DFG's	For Decision	Chele Howard/ Rob Davies		To be confirmed	Cllr. A. Llewelyn Portfolio 8	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	Revised Consultation and Engagement Strategy and Toolkt	For Decision	Sheenagh Rees		To be confirmed	Cllr. S. Knoyle Portfolio 2	
	Third Sector Application Approval	For Decision	Noelwyn Daniel	This is the return report asking for the applications to be approved .	To be Confirmed	Cllr. S. Knoyle Portfolio 2	Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership
	Commissioning Intentions for a Housing First Service	For Decision	Chele Howard/ Hayley Short		No	Cllr. A. Llewelyn Portfolio 8	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025-26	For Decision	Lisa Willis	Updated Criteria for the Scheme		Cllr.J.Hurley Portfolio 4	Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership
	Urdd Eisteddfod Report	For Decision	Chris Saunders		To be Confirmed	Cllr.N. Jenkins Portfolio 3	Education, Skills and Wellbeing
	Various Traffic Orders (Detail not available)	For Decision	David Griffiths			Cllr W.Griffiths	

						Portfolio 9	
	Various Land Disposal Reports (If Needed)	For Decision	Simon Brennan			Cllr J.Hurley Portfolio 4	

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Cabinet 9 th April	Social Services Complaints Annual Report	For Monitoring	Leighton Jones			Cllr.A.Llewellyn Portfolio 8 Cllr S.Harris Portfolio 6 Cllr J Hale Portfolio 7	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	Community Safety Strategic Intent Document	For Monitoring	Chele Howard/ Elinor Wellington	12 Month Update Part of Statutory Requirements		Cllr. A. Llewelyn Portfolio 8	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	Permission to Consult and Pilot an Alternative Night Time Support Report	For Decision	Keri Warren/ Hayley Short		Yes, 13 th March 2025	Cllr.S.Harris Portfolio 6	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	LA Governors Appointment	For Decision	Catherine Jones		No	Cllr. N.Jenkins Portfolio 3	Education, Skills and Wellbeing
	Young People Housing Support Grant Funded Services (Permission to Re-tender).	For Decision	Hayley Short/ Chele Howard	Proposal for the recommissioning of Young People Housing Support Grant Funded Services This now incorporates the Permission to Tender Accommodation Models for Young People and moved to the April Cabinet	Scrutiny 13 th March	Cllr. A.Llewellyn Portfolio 8	Social Services, Housing and Community Safety
	Highways and Engineering Works Programme	For Decision	Mike Roberts		Yes 4 th April	Cllr Scott Jones Portfolio 10	Environment , Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Policies for the use of artificial grass and installation of honeybee hives on NPT Council / managed land.	For Decision	Ceri Morris/ Lana Beynon		Awaiting Confirmation 31 st Jan	Cllr. S.Jones Portfolio 10	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Regeneration Strategy	For Decision	Andrew Collins		14 th Feb 25	Cllr.J.Hurley Portfolio 4	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Various Traffic Orders (Detail not available)	For Decision	David Griffiths			Cllr W.Griffiths Portfolio 9	
	Various Land Disposal Reports (If Needed)	For Decision	Simon Brennan			Cllr J.Hurley Portfolio 4	

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Cabinet 30 th April							
	Hillside Managers Report	For Monitoring	Keri Warren			Cllr.S.Harris Portfolio 6	
	Hillside Responsible Individuals Report	For Monitoring	Keri Warren			Cllr.S.Harris Portfolio 6	
	Electric Vehicle On-Street Home Charging	For Monitoring	David Griffiths	To provide Members with an update on the current position regarding on-street electric vehicle charging from home electrical supply and actions required.	Awaiting Confirmation 14 th March	Cllr W.Griffiths Portfolio 9	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Policies for the use of artificial grass and installation of honeybee hives on NPT Council / managed land.	For Decision	Ceri Morris/ Lana Beynon		No	Cllr. S.Jones Portfolio 10	Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Various Traffic Orders (Detail not available)	For Decision	David Griffiths			Cllr W.Griffiths Portfolio 9	
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Cabinet 21 st May							
	Strategic Schools Improvement Programme Proposal to reorganise ALN provision at Cwmtawe Comprehensive School	For Decision	Rhiannon Crowhurst	Final Determination of the Proposal		Cllr. N.Jenkins Portfolio 3	Education, Skills and Wellbeing
	Strategic Schools Improvement Programme Proposal to reorganise ALN provision at Cefn Season Comprehensive School	For Decision	Rhiannon Crowhurst	Final Determination of the Proposal		Cllr. N.Jenkins Portfolio 3	Education, Skills and Wellbeing.
	Regional Transport Plan	For Decision	David Griffiths/ Laura Pack			Cllr. W.Griffiths Portfolio 9	Enviroment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services
	Quarter 4 Corporate Plan Monitoring Report	For Monitoring	Louise McAndrew			Cllr S. Hunt	Cabinet
	Various Traffic Orders (Detail not available)	For Decision	David Griffiths			Cllr W.Griffiths Portfolio 9	
	Various Land Disposal Reports (If Needed)	For Decision	Simon Brennan			Cllr J.Hurley Portfolio 4	

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2024		
19th July	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	
	Part Night Street Lighting Pilots Report (For Decision)	Mike Roberts
	Flood Risk Management Plan (For Decision)	Mike Roberts/ Steve Owen
20th September	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	
	The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2023 – Neath Port Talbot Active Travel Delivery Plan (2024 – 2029) (For Decision)	Amanda Phillips David W. Griffiths
4th November 2pm-4pm	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	

	Rheola Estate (For Decision)	Simon Brenan
	Arboriculture Management Plan (For Decision) (Moved from September Meeting)	James Davies
	Budget Report (For Decision)	Huw Jones
	Viva Port Talbot Bid Renewal Ballot 2024 (For Decision) (Moved from September meeting)	Andrew Collins
8th November	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	

	Disposal of Off Street Pay and Display Car Parks (Capacity and Utilization Review) (For Decision) (Moved from September Meeting)	Dave Griffiths/ Ian Rees
	Improving recycling performance and Budget Delivery (For Decision)	Mike Roberts
	Pilot of Access Approach to Formal Parks and Gardens (For Decision)	James Davies
6th December	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	
	Corporate Plan Annual Report 23/24 (For Decision)	Noelwyn Daniel
	Corporate Plan 6 monthly update Q1/Q2 (Monitoring)	Noelwyn Daniel
2025		
17th Jan	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	
	Budget report	Huw Jones
31st Jan	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	

	Use of Containers on Safari Collections	Mike Roberts
	Economic Development CRM System – Contract Renewal (For Decision)	Sarah Fowler
14th February	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	
	Regeneration Strategy (Presentation)	Andrew Collins
	Containers on Bag Collections Round (For Decision)	Michael Roberts/Michael D Jones
14th March	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	
	Electric Vehicle On-Street Home Charging (For Decision)	Paul Thomas
	Report on HWRC Feasibility (For Decision)	Mike Roberts

	Fleet and Heavy Plant Renewals (For Decision)	Kevin Lewis
	Japanese Knotweed (For Decision)	James M Davies
	Regeneration Strategy Report	Simon Brennan/Andrew Collins
4th April	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	
	Highways and Engineering Works Programme	Mike Roberts
2nd May	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	
	Selected from Cabinet Forward Work Programme	

Site Visit – Transfer Station – Date TBD.

Reports to come back

- **No Side Waste Policy review report** - to be included with the '**missed collections policy**'. - Mike Roberts (Approximately June 2026)
- **Officers to explore options to gather occupancy data to be reported back to the scrutiny committee.**' – Ian Rees/ Dave Griffiths

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