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Dyddiad/Date: Thursday, 5 November 2020

Dear Councillor,

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2

A meeting of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 will be held remotely via Skype for Business on **Wednesday, 11 November 2020 at 09:30**.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008 (including whipping declarations)
3. Approval of Minutes 3 - 8
To receive for approval the minutes of a meeting of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 of the 16/03/2020
4. Forward Work Programme Update 9 - 14
5. Corporate Parenting Champion Nomination Report 15 - 18
6. Nomination to the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel 19 - 22
7. Urgent Items
To consider any item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Part 4 (paragraph 4) of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

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SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 - MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2020

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2020 AT 09:30

Present

Councillor J Gebbie – Chairperson

A Hussain
CA Webster

AA Pucella

G Thomas

T Thomas

Apologies for Absence

MC Clarke, PA Davies, SK Dendy, CA Green, M Jones, MJ Kearns, JE Lewis and SG Smith

Officers:

R Pick, T Watson, S Cooper, C Donovan, J Davies, PJ White, A Thomas

Invitees:

H Bennett, K Harries, A Hughes

112. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

It was moved; duly seconded and carried unanimously, that Councillor Gebbie be nominated as Chairperson for the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Gebbie be elected Chairperson for the meeting of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2.

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mike Clarke, Cllr Pam Davies, Cllr Sorrel Dendy, Cllr Cheryl Green

Cllr Martyn Jones, Cllr Mike Kearns, Cllr Janice Lewis, Cllr Stephen Smith, Cllr David White, Michelle King

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

115. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 dated 22 January 2020 and 5 February 2020 be approved as a true and accurate record.

116. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME - ACCELERATING THE PACE OF CHANGE FOR INTEGRATED SERVICES (APCIS)

The Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing explained to Members that there would be a short presentation. She drew Members attention to page 13 of the report, and in particular 3.1, A Healthier Wales – Our Plan for Health and Social Care. The plan is shaped around the 'Quadruple Aim' – four interlocking themes.

The Head of Adult Social Care, Group Manager – Integrated Community Services – Community Networks, and the Group Manager – Sports and Physical Activity presented an overview of the Transformation Programme.

Following the presentation, the Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing explained to Members that having just heard a presentation about expanding services, I know that there will be concerns in terms of how we manage at the moment and priorities to deliver the service with the existing Coronavirus issue. You will be aware that Cabinet and CMB are meeting daily as the issue is changing daily and flows back into the different Directorates. In terms of Social Services & Wellbeing, all the teams have business continuity plans and those have been updated and managers have scoped out their staff and their client group they work with to look at critical priorities, understanding their family situations, or for those that have few networks around them, with individuals.

We have done a profile on the mobility of staff and where they live. Fast track training programme, making sure we have workforce to continue to deliver – building our workforce and redeploy our own staff across the council and we will be looking at redeploying third sector or recently retired staff. We will look separate staff, where possible so they can work from home. Also teams of staff but split into smaller groups, following Welsh Government and Public Health Wales guidance. Naturally, day and respite services are in touch with people and looking at who is coming into respite with a planned approach. We are working through this methodically, and in a planned way, not rushed. Council have their priorities. Reassurance we have close contact and good relationships with health colleagues and there will be a meeting at 2pm today in terms of communication.

A Member raised concern in respect of ensuring those that come into contact with vulnerable or older people would be appropriately DBS checked, or similar, and asked if there was a co-ordinated approach to this?

The Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing noted that this was where Communities were coming into their own as we cannot police everything, but understood the Members concern. The Chief Executive – BAVO, acknowledged that safeguarding was an issue. She explained that as an organisation, BAVO was looking for people to register formally through the site. They were also signposting and issuing guidance and linking people to groups with good governance structures in place.

A Member noted the volunteer registry that BAVO provided and felt that the Council needed a hot line. The Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing explained that this was part of Ambition 1, a Common Access Point, and was the first point of contact for social services.

A Member asked how the £22.7m Transformation Fund investment was distributed amongst Bridgend, RCT and Merthyr. The Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing explained that Bridgend had been in the middle of changes to the regional footprint at the time of the original proposal, having previously been part of Western Bay. She explained Bridgend had put in their own proposal in addition to the proposal by RCT and Merthyr as part of the new Cym Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. Bridgend had worked with health to ensure that we would not be disadvantaged, but closely aligned to the old Cwm Taf. The Head of Adult Social Care referred the Member to page 23, 8.1 of the document. She noted the original figure of £6.673m and a revised figure of just over £6m coming into Bridgend.

The Member further noted the two different programmes delivered through Bridgend and RCT/Merthyr and sought clarification of the difference between the 2 areas to ensure

that integration between the delivery of the service was uniform. The Head of the Regional Partnership Board explained that a Programme Management Office (PMO) had been established to coordinate delivery of the Programme across the region. He noted the 5 projects/3 projects split between RCT/Merthyr and Bridgend and the need to standardise across the region. He noted the similarities between the projects and whole system approach. There was a need to share good practice.

A Member noted on page 20, the Go Live Date of the April 2020 for Ambition 2 – Single Point of Access and asked if this was a realistic start date given the current ongoing events. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that in terms of continuity plans she couldn't give any definite dates, but this was seen as a priority.

A Member asked how the gap in primary care professionals would be met and whether re-deployment would meet this gap. The Group Manager - Integrated Community Services explained that appointments were not being sought through re-deployment but instead through external appointments.

A Member noted that the Institute of Public Care (IPC) has been appointed to carry out an independent evaluation of the impact of the grant funded programmes across the region and asked if they will be looking at uniformly. The Head of the Regional Partnership Board explained that the IPC would not be evaluating the 8 projects specifically, but rather the thematic approach and will be doing a rapid progress review. The outcomes should be the same for the population. The Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing explained that they were aiming for the same outcome but we wouldn't want Bridgend to go at the pace of the slowest. We are getting to a point of consistency across the region, a regional response and principles but local delivery.

The member further asked in terms of integrated service, we have been having this for the last 6 years and asked what BAVO will be giving us as additional services. The Chief Executive – BAVO explained that there was a community resilient response, with communities taking a supporting role. She explained that there were two pieces of work they were delivering on; a holistic approach and community navigators working with individuals connecting them to GP's and mapping services.

A member asked how resilient is the funding stream for community navigators. The Chief Executive – BAVO explained that this was a task and finish approach. We will provide them with the information they need, and hoping the resilience will be, we do not need navigators. e.g. Frome Model.

A member asked for clarification on the role of community coordinators. The Group Manager – Sports and Physical Activity advised that there was a layered approach, requiring three distinctive roles. Firstly, the local community coordinator resource, support people with higher levels of need and complexity, whilst the Community Navigator roles addresses lower level needs, connecting people to communities and helps develop and enhance community support opportunities. The third role is Network Builders.

A member noted that the Transformation Fund investment was available until the end of March 2021 and asked what happens beyond this point.

The Head of Adult Social Care noted the need to achieve ongoing financial sustainability across social care with the reinvestment of money in what is working well. By evaluating what works well we divert money around the system from a combination of recurrent WG ring-fenced investment and costs anticipated to be released from the wider health and social care system.

A member noted that older people were often reluctant to ask for services.

The Group Manager – Integrated Community Service explained that everything comes through a single access point but if they have care services they would be reviewed at least annually. They can contact us at any time to be reviewed. The Cabinet Member – Social Services and Wellbeing highlighted the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2015 on page 21 and acknowledged it was important to recognise that the 3 ambitions within Transformation will be working collaboratively across the programme to support and enable the best outcomes for individuals.

A member sought clarification on the increase in mobile response. The Group Manager – Integrated Community Services – Community Networks explained that when we set up the response Bridgend was a leader in registering domiciliary care with 2600 people in Bridgend using telecare and mobile response services. With the older population expected to increase in order to help people once you increase demand, how then do we meet that demand to give people that resilience at home so that they can be confident that someone will come. Part of this work creates confidence at home; part of the ambition was to increase that response.

A member asked if there was evidence of best practice in bringing the two models together. The Head of Adult Social Care noted that the transformation programme across Wales was similar in other regions with some tweaks and the flexibility to respond to local community needs. Bridgend was seen as delivering good practice in terms of our models whilst also learning from others. The Corporate Director, Social Services explained that there was one health and social care system across Wales; what works well in one area, could be rolled out in Bridgend. The plan is we will learn from those other areas. We feel we have learnt from the Torbay service model and have got to the point where will have gone a bit further. The Cabinet Member – Social Services and Wellbeing informed members that he had attended a number of Partnership Services – 7 were at different intervals. He was attending another one again and Bridgend was still in the same situation. We are trying to get there on a collective basis. Bridgend was leading a lot in this area.

RESOLVED: That the Committee noted the progress made in relation to the Regional Transformation Programme - Accelerating the Pace of Change for Integrated Services.

The Committee would welcome an information report for monitoring progress on the actions on the timeline delivery in 6 months' time.

117. **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS**

The Scrutiny Officer presented a report to Members, which provided feedback from the previous meeting of SOSC2 in relation to the items on Home to School Transport and the MTFs 2020-21 to 23-24 (Social Services and Wellbeing) for discussion, approval and actioning.

Members to review the feedback for approval and actioning of above items, at the next meeting of SOSC2.

118. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Scrutiny Officer presented a report to Members, which outlined the next items to be considered by the Committee. These were Learner Travel/ Post 16 Education on the 19 March and Remodelling Children's Residential Services on 20 April.

119. URGENT ITEMS

None

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2

11 NOVEMBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, HR & REGULATORY SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of report.

- a) To present proposed initial items for the Committee's draft interim Forward Work Programme;
- b) To request any specific information the Committee identify to be included in the item for the next meeting;
- c) To request the Committee to identify any further items for consideration on the Forward Work Programme for the remainder of the municipal calendar of meetings, using the agreed criteria form.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives/other corporate priorities.

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:

1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

Scrutiny Update

3.1 Following the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown in March, Scrutiny Committees were initially postponed as the Council focussed upon key priorities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. A report was presented to Cabinet in June 2020 requesting that the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) consider the creation of a Cross-Party Recovery Panel. The COSC met on 6th July 2020 and approved

the establishment of a Recovery Panel with the aim of shaping, informing and advising Cabinet on the Council's recovery planning to form the basis of the recovery phase of the pandemic. The Panel met 6 times and heard from 5 sets of invitees between 4th and 25th August 2020 and produced recommendations to COSC on 7th September 2020 which were further reported to Cabinet on 15th September, and a formal response from Cabinet is expected. The Recovery Panel is now awaiting the Public Service Board's Community Impact Assessment to consider the findings, before selecting the next area of focus to be examined in greater detail.

- 3.2 A Combined meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees 1 and 2 scheduled in March was postponed due to lockdown, but was subsequently held remotely via Skype for Business on 13th July 2020. Scrutiny considered proposals for Post-16 Education and Learner Travel and made recommendations to Cabinet upon the proposals. Cabinet considered the Scrutiny recommendations for Post-16 Education on the 21st July and took a decision on the preferred option, and considered the recommendations upon Learner Travel on the 15th September' and deferred the decision to amend the Local Authority's Learner Travel Policy until after the review of the current statutory distances by Welsh Government in March 2021.
- 3.3 Planning and preparations for this year's cycle of Budget Research and Evaluation Panel (BREP) meetings commenced well ahead of the first meeting on 24th July 2020, with 3 meetings being supported to date, and arrangements are underway for the fourth meeting.
- 3.4 Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings did not recommence while Scrutiny Officers supported 6 meetings of the Recovery Panel during August, to enable the Panel to conclude its initial recommendations to be reported to COSC and Cabinet in September.

Recommencing of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 3.5 The Schedule of Meetings for the remaining municipal year was agreed at Annual Council on 30th September 2020. As the Recovery Panel has now been established, it is recognised that, moving forward, meetings of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees will need to be focused and strategic to avoid a duplication of work.

Forward Work Programme

- 3.6 Under the terms of the Council's Constitution, each Overview and Scrutiny Committee must publish a Forward Work Programme (FWP) as far as it is known.
- 3.7 An effective FWP will identify the issues that the Committee wishes to focus on during the year and provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected, as well as the approach that will be adopted; i.e. will the Committee be undertaking a policy review/ development role ("Overview") or performance management approach ("Scrutiny").
- 3.8 The FWPs will remain flexible and will be revisited at each COSC meeting with input from each Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SOSC) and any information gathered from Forward Work Programme meetings with Corporate Directors and Cabinet.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Following the approval of the schedule of Scrutiny Committee meeting dates at Annual Council on 30th September, the scheduling of standing statutory reports to Scrutiny Committees upon: the Medium Term Financial Strategy, Performance, the Corporate Plan, Budget Monitoring, Scrutiny Annual Report, etc. has been mapped.
- 4.2 This Forward Work Programme Update report is being submitted to the Committee for consideration and the outcome will be fed back to COSC on 2nd December 2020 to set a focussed overall Scrutiny Forward Work Programme.
- 4.3 At the time of reporting, the Council has been advised that the Local Government Financial Settlement from Welsh Government will be later than expected, and so scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) will need to be considered by Scrutiny Committees after Cabinet considers the draft MTFS proposals on 19th January 2021 and not in the December cycle of meetings as originally planned. Consequently, arrangements will be made to move the date of the January meeting to facilitate this, subject to approval by Council.
- 4.4 It is proposed that it would be timely that the Committee receives an updated briefing from the Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing upon the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic upon the Social Services and Wellbeing Service area and the operational response at its next meeting on Monday 14th December 2020 at 9.30am. The Committee is therefore asked to identify any specific information they would like to be included in this update for their next meeting.

Identification of Further Items

- 4.5 The Committee is requested to identify any further items for consideration on the interim Scrutiny Forward Work Programme for the remainder of the municipal calendar of meetings, using the prior agreed criteria form. The Committee are reminded of the criteria form which Members can use to propose further items for the FWP which the Committee can then consider for prioritisation at a future meeting. The criteria form emphasises the need to consider issues such as impact, risk, performance, budget and community perception when identifying topics for investigation and to ensure a strategic responsibility for Scrutiny and that its work benefits the Authority.

Corporate Parenting

- 4.6 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the responsibility of a Local Authority towards looked after children and young people. This is a legal responsibility given to local authorities by the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. The role of the Corporate Parent is to seek for children in public care the outcomes every good parent would want for their own children. The Council as a whole is the 'corporate parent', therefore all Members have a level of responsibility for the children and young people looked after by Bridgend.
- 4.7 In this role, it is suggested that Members consider how each item they consider affects children in care and care leavers, and in what way can the Committee assist in these areas.

Scrutiny Member Training

4.8 Members may recall that Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Questioning Skills Training for Scrutiny Members and Training for Scrutiny Chairs was postponed due to the national lockdown. However WLGA can now offer the training via Microsoft Teams software, which has recently been installed on Members' devices. It is therefore proposed that the following sessions be provided via Microsoft Teams (dates to be arranged):

- One session of Scrutiny Questioning Skills for all Scrutiny Members;
- One session of Scrutiny Chairs' Training for 3 Scrutiny Chairs, and invite the Chair of the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel, the Chair of the Cross-Party Recovery Panel and the Chair of the Public Services Board Scrutiny Panel.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules.

5.1 The work of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend. Any changes to the structure of the Scrutiny Committees and the procedures relating to them would require the Bridgend County Borough Council constitution to be updated.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality impacts arising directly from this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long-term - The approval of this report will assist in the planning of Scrutiny business in both the short-term and in the long-term on its policies, budget and service delivery.
- Prevention - The early preparation of the Forward Work Programme allows for the advance planning of Scrutiny business where Members are provided an opportunity to influence and improve decisions before they are made by Cabinet.
- Integration - The report supports all the wellbeing objectives.
- Collaboration - Consultation on the content of the Forward Work Programme

has taken place with the Corporate Management Board, Heads of Service, Elected Members and members of the public.

- Involvement - Advanced publication of the Forward Work Programme ensures that the public and stakeholders can view topics that will be discussed in Committee meetings and are provided with the opportunity to engage.

8. Financial Implications.

8.1 The delivery of the Forward Work Programme will be met from within existing resources for Overview and Scrutiny support.

9. Recommendations.

9.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- a) Confirm the proposed initial items for the Committee's draft interim Forward Work Programme in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 above;
- b) Identify any specific information the Committee wish to be included in the item for the next meeting;
- c) Request the Committee to identify any further items for consideration on the Forward Work Programme for the remainder of the municipal calendar of meetings, using the agreed criteria form.

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2

11 NOVEMBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, HR & REGULATORY SERVICES

CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPION NOMINATION REPORT

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Committee to nominate one Member as its Corporate Parenting Champion to represent the Committee as an invitee to meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-

1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the responsibility of a local authority towards looked after children and young people. This is a legal responsibility given to local authorities by the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. The role of the Corporate Parent is to seek for children in public care the outcomes every good parent would want for their own children. The Council as a whole is the 'corporate parent' therefore all Members have a level of responsibility for the children and young people looked after by Bridgend. ¹

¹ Welsh Assembly Government and Welsh Local Government Association 'If this were my child... A councillor's guide to being a good corporate parent to children in care and care leavers', June 2009

- 3.2 In order to further develop and enhance the Council's Corporate Parenting role with its partners, a Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting comprising all Members of Cabinet was established by Cabinet on 4 November 2008.
- 3.3 The inaugural meeting of the Cabinet Committee was held on 27 November 2008 where it was agreed that the Cabinet Committee will meet bi-monthly. The terms of reference for the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting are:
- to ensure that looked after children are seen as a priority by the whole of the Authority and by the Children and Young People's Partnership;
 - to seek the views of children and young people in shaping and influencing the parenting they receive;
 - to ensure that appropriate policies, opportunities and procedures are in place;
 - to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Authority in its role as corporate parent against Welsh Government guidance.
- 3.4 At its inaugural meeting, the Cabinet Committee requested that a Corporate Parenting "Champion" be nominated from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to become permanent invitees to the Cabinet Committee.

4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to nominate one Member as its Corporate Parenting Champion to represent the Committee as an invitee at meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.
- 4.2 The role of the Corporate Parenting Champion is to represent their Overview and Scrutiny Committee, partaking in discussions with Cabinet over items relating to children in care and care leavers.
- 4.3 It is also suggested that in this role each Champion considers how all services within the remit of Scrutiny affect children in care and care leavers and encourage their own Committee to bear their Corporate Parenting role in mind when participating in Scrutiny.
- 4.4 Scrutiny Champions can greatly support the Committee by advising them of the ongoing work of the Cabinet Committee and particularly any decisions or changes which they should be aware of as Corporate Parents.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 The work of the Subject Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long Term – The establishment of the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee demonstrates the Authority’s long term commitment to improving and strengthening their role as Corporate Parents to care leavers and Looked After Children.
- Prevention – The Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee are preventative in their nature and ensure that appropriate policies, opportunities and procedures are in place for all care leavers and Looked After Children.
- Integration – This report supports all the well-being objectives.
- Collaboration – All members are Corporate Parents and this report supports collaborative working with Cabinet and Members of Scrutiny and emphasises the role of Corporate Parents for all Elected Members.
- Involvement – Corporate Parent Champions provide practical support and guidance to children in care and care leavers to ensure they achieve their well-being goals.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation(s)

9.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a) Nominate one Member of the Committee as its Corporate Parenting Champion to represent the Committee at meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2

11 NOVEMBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, HR & REGULATORY SERVICES

NOMINATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY PANEL

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request the Committee to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-
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 3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 From 1 April 2016, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 introduced statutory Public Services Boards (PSB) across each local authority area in Wales. PSBs work together to improve the social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being of the board's area. The Act specified that one Committee take an overview of the overall effectiveness of the Board, which the Authority determined to carry out via a PSB Scrutiny Panel, which now sits under the remit of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 3.2 The purpose of the Panel is to review and scrutinise the efficiency and effectiveness of the PSB and its decisions as well as the governance arrangements surrounding it. The Panel will hold up to two meetings a year and will make reports or recommendations to the Board regarding its functions, with the aim of enhancing its impact. These recommendations are to be presented to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval prior to submission to the Board.
- 3.3 A copy of any report or recommendation made to the Public Service Board must be sent to the Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales.
- 3.4 The membership of the PSB Panel is determined annually and incorporates three Members from the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, one Member from each of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees and counterpart representatives that sit on the Public Service Board.

4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 The work of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

- 7.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long-term - The establishment of the PSB Panel will assist in the long term planning of the business of the Council by the continuation of effective relationships with other organisations to improve wellbeing in Bridgend County now and in the future.
- Prevention - The PSB Scrutiny Panel will monitor the Public Service Board's objectives and priorities within the Wellbeing Plan, which address underlying causes of

problems and prevent them getting worse or happening in the future.

- Integration - The report supports all the wellbeing objectives.
- Collaboration - The PSB Panel supports partnership working with other organisations both locally and regionally.
- Involvement - The PSB Panel will maintain a relationship with other Organisations through effective partnership working and act as a critical friend to ensure the PSB are involving citizens of Bridgend when making decisions that affect them.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation

9.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a) Nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

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