

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO CABINET COMMITTEE - EQUALITIES

19 JULY 2010

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

WORK PLANNING FOR THE CABINET COMMITTEE - EQUALITIES

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To identify topics and their priority for consideration at the scheduled meetings of the Committee in the forthcoming year.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 The proposed programme links with the corporate objective that the Authority meet its moral and statutory duties in respect of equality and human rights.

3. Background.

- 3.1 The Cabinet Committee - Equalities is required to determine the programme of work that it wishes to consider at its meetings being held between 1st July 2010 to the 31st May 2011.

- 3.2 The following schedule of meetings was approved by Cabinet on 18 May 2010:

- 28 Jun 10
- 20 Sep 10
- 13 Dec 10
- 07 Mar 11
- 31 May 11

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 A draft programme for 2010 -2011 is outlined in Appendix 1 and Members will note that it is proposed that the programme will include the following reports:

- twice yearly progress reports in relation to the Authority's published Corporate Equality Scheme;
- twice yearly monitoring reports in relation to the Authority's published Welsh Language Scheme;
- twice yearly reports on equality in the workforce;
- programme for future meetings (standing agenda item).

4.2 In addition to these, Members may wish to consider receiving reports on the following topic areas which have been identified from the published Corporate Equality Scheme:

- Improving community cohesion and tackling hate motivated violence and harassment based on race, disability, sexual orientation and religion or belief.
- Support services to victims of domestic abuse.
- Physical access improvements to Council premises.
- Support for carer's.

4.3 If this approach is supported, Members are invited to suggest any further topics for inclusion in the programme of future meetings.

4.5 A report will then be prepared for the next Cabinet Committee - Equalities meeting that will set out a formal programme for future meetings that reflects suggestions and recommendations made by Members.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 None

6. Legal Implications.

6.1 None

7. Financial Implications.

7.2 None

8. Recommendation.

8.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Committee - Equalities identify topics for consideration at its meetings during the period 1st July 2010 to the 31st May 2011.

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Background documents

Bridgend County Borough Council Corporate Equality Scheme 2009-2012.
Bridgend County Borough Council Welsh Language Scheme 2008-2011.