

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

29 MAY 2013

### REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

#### SINGLE INTEGRATED PARTNERSHIP PLAN (*BRIDGEND COUNTY TOGETHER*)

#### **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Council with the Single Integrated Partnership Plan (*Bridgend County Together*) for formal approval and adoption.

#### **2.0 Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities**

- 2.1 Bridgend County Together (April 2013 – March 2018) is the overarching partnership plan for the county and replaces the:

- Community Strategy
- Children & Young People's plan
- Health Social Care & Wellbeing plan
- Community Safety Partnership Plan

It sits above the Corporate Plan for the Council and sets the Local Service Board's priorities over the next five years.

#### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 In June 2011, the Welsh Government announced its intention to rationalise plans and partnership arrangements across Wales. Final statutory guidance was issued in June 2012 by Welsh Government entitled '*Shared Purpose, Shared Delivery*'.

- 3.2 The guidance indicates that single integrated partnership plans should replace at least four of the existing statutory plans and strategies (Children and Young People, Health, Social Care and Wellbeing, Community Safety and Community Strategy) and will be the overarching strategic plan for the County.

- 3.3 The Local Service Board (LSB) is responsible for developing and implementing the Plan which is a statutory requirement. However, LSBs are not statutory bodies and it is explicit in the Local Government

(Wales) Measure 2009 that local authorities have the lead role for community planning for their areas.

- 3.4 Bridgend's plan has been developed based on a comprehensive strategic needs assessment using an outcomes based methodology. The draft plan was issued for public consultation on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013. The consultation lasted 12 weeks and ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.
- 3.5 In total there were 1013 responses to the consultation. These were a mixture of individual and organisational responses. A detailed consultation summary report will be available on the LSB website from the end of May 2013. However, the key findings and changes that were made in light of the consultation are outlined in chapter 8 of the plan.

#### **4.0 Current Position/Proposal**

- 4.1 The Local Service Board agreed the amended Plan (based on the consultation) at its meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The Plan is attached as Appendix 1.
- 4.2 As the priorities and actions in single integrated partnership plans have implications for the corporate plans of LSB member organisations, the Boards of these organisations (or equivalent) need to explicitly consider and agree the final plan.
- 4.3 It should be noted that the plan is a long term plan and will change over its lifetime. There is a requirement to formally review and report annually on progress with the Plan to the public, Welsh Government, elected members and LSB member organisations.

#### **5.0 Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules**

- 5.1 There is no impact on the policy framework and procedure rules.

#### **6.0 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment has been conducted and is attached as Appendix 2. Delivery of the single integrated partnership plan will have a positive impact on promoting equalities across the county borough.

#### **7.0 Financial Implications**

- 7.1 The Plan will be delivered within existing budgets.

#### **8.0 Recommendations**

- 8.1 It is recommended that Council approves and adopts the Plan attached as Appendix 1.

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**Background Documents:** Shared Purpose – Shared Delivery – Welsh Government Guidance on Integrating Partnerships and Plans (June 2012).