

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

14 JANUARY 2014

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide members of the Town and Community Council Forum with further background information on the Council's medium term financial strategy and budget proposals for 2014-15 and the associated change management programme. This will be outlined in a presentation at the meeting.

2. Connection to Corporate Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The Council's Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy identify the Council's service and resource priorities for the next three financial years, with particular focus on 2014-15.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council is facing unprecedented cuts to its budget over the next few years. In 2014-15 alone there is a budget shortfall of around £13 million. As a result the Council has to look for savings from all areas of its expenditure while seeking to maintain investment and focus on our six corporate priorities.
- 3.2 The Town and Community Council Forum received a short presentation on the 22nd October on the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2014-2017. The presentation was forwarded to all Town and Community Councils following the meeting together with a covering letter.
- 3.3 In October 2013, the Chief Executive launched the Bridgend Change Programme, which will determine plans for delivering change across the local authority in light of the budget reductions.

4. Current Situation

- 4.1 The current position will be outlined in a presentation at the meeting.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

- 5.1 None

6. Equalities Impact Assessment

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

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications at this stage.

8. Recommendation

8.1 The Forum is asked to note the content of the report and presentation.

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Background Documents:

None