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Dyddiad/Date: Wednesday, 4 December 2019

Dear Councillor,

TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

A meeting of the Town & Community Council Forum will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB on **Tuesday, 10 December 2019 at 16:00**.

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.
3. Approval of Minutes 3 - 16
To receive for approval the Minutes of 15/07/2019 and 29/07/2019
4. Bridgend's Local Government Education Services 17 - 22
To be accompanied by a power point Presentation.
5. Street Cleansing 23 - 30
6. Urgent Items
To consider any other item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 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.

Yours faithfully

K Watson

Head of Legal and Regulatory Services

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TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM - MONDAY, 15 JULY 2019

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON MONDAY, 15 JULY 2019 AT 16:00

Present

Councillor HJ David – Chairperson

S Aspey	SE Baldwin	JPD Blundell	N Clarke
P Davies	Clr D Evans	RM Granville	E Hyde
C Jones	D Jones	RL Penhale-Thomas	B Sedgebeer
CE Smith	JH Tildesley MBE		

Apologies for Absence

N Alderton, H Bennett, MC Clarke, R Davies, S Dendy, L Desmond-Williams, P Gwilliam, Ciaron Jackson, P Jenkins, Jones, B Jones, T Lyddon, A Mckay, KL Rowlands, SG Smith, MC Voisey, W Willis and RE Young

Officers:

Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Sian Hooper	Waste and Cleaner Streets Manager
Zak Shell	Head of Neighbourhood Services

179. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

180. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Town and Community Council Forum dated 26 February 2019, be approved as a true and accurate record.

181. PRESENTATION BY CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT ALUN MORGAN OF SOUTH WALES POLICE ON POLICING IN THE COUNTY BOROUGH

The Chairperson commenced this item by introducing Chief Superintendent Alun Morgan to Members. Chief Superintendent Morgan was present before the Forum today, to give a verbal presentation on local policing matters.

He stated that he would share some of the issues going forward, as well as outline some of the problems the police faced and of course how they intended dealing with them.

He gave an overview of the current issues and of the desire to be as efficient as possible in the current climate and to identify the most appropriate resources to police in the correct areas, all supported by data and technologies to assist us in that service delivery.

He praised the Council for its desire to work with the police on local issues such as homelessness, drug supplying/misuse and anti-social behaviour and then declared the five policing priorities that the force had formally adopted, namely domestic abuse, knife crime, 'county lines,' rape and serious sexual offences as well as the need to prevent and respond to terrorist and extremist threats.

Chief Superintendent Morgan then gave a more detailed explanation of a 'county line' that involved a situation arising whereby, drug gangs from big cities expand their operations to smaller towns, often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploiting the vulnerable to sell drugs. These dealers will use dedicated mobile phone lines, the 'county lines' to undertake their business.

The greater focus on these five priorities would see, perhaps like never before, a more joined-up focus from the police, committing more specialist resources to combat and reduce these priority issues.

He added that there was a process now in place in the police, that allowed for new probationer officers and transferee opportunities, as well as a direct entry scheme for investigators.

All these changes will look to deal more effectively with the more serious calls for service, which were on the increase. Such reinforcement would be implemented, particularly in response to incidents of anti-social behaviour over the anticipated summer months, when such incidents increased in light of the nicer weather.

A Member asked if there was any proposal to reduce the number of police stations, and in particular, Porthcawl Police station.

Chief Superintendent Morgan confirmed that the police estate was constantly being reviewed with no immediate concerns for this station, adding that a merger, like the one to take place in Llantwit Major imminently, could be attractive to Porthcawl, with the caveat that any change would not see policing of the area compromised by any such review. He further advised that the Llantwit Major model sees a new four blue-light partnership with fire, as well as ambulance and coastguard.

Chief Superintendent Morgan then discussed Operation Red Dragon. This was a crackdown by the police with regard to the supply of Class A drugs with the insertion of an undercover police officer actively patrolling the streets of Barry and Bridgend from July to October 2018, in order to obtain some intelligence and evidence to arrest the perpetrators. This resulted in a very successful operation, which resulted in over 70 arrests, a considerable number of which led to terms of imprisonment.

This would alleviate rather than stem the problem however and he urged those present and constituents of the County Borough, to notify the police if they had any suspicion whatsoever of drug supply/use at any location in their area.

Chief Superintendent Morgan then gave an overview of the Roads Policing Department and advised that efficiencies would see more use of police motorbikes as well as police cars, with a more modern rota system to better meet road demand.

He then added that the police were also becoming increasingly involved with other stakeholders, including BCBC, with supporting those suffering with mental ill-health issues as well as looked after children (LACs). Issues relating to both were potentially serious and came with a certain element of risk that had migrated over time, from the originating agency to the police. This too would have to be reviewed he further.

On more generic seasonal problems, the summer at Trecco Bay, the fairground and Newton Green etc, reassurances were given by Chief Superintendent Morgan that plans were in place to look to negate or minimise any anti-social behaviour within these 'hot spot' areas.

He assured those present, that the police were already heavily planning for this year's Elvis concert, to manage the anti-social behaviour associated with the event. He expressed his concerns that no payment was made for the policing services attached to the event that ran into several tens of thousands of pounds, though he accepted that one venue did offer some financial support towards partnership schemes, such as ambulance triage and lost children.

He also raised the Homeless MARAC in Bridgend, where the vulnerable, particularly in the colder months at the mercy of inclement weather, have support. He added however, that there should be more partnership facilities provided where those sleeping rough could take shelter in a safer environment, as opposed to being out on the streets.

He then gave an overview of localised issues of drug abuse and parking in Porthcawl town centre, before he was challenged further on the power of BCBC Enforcement Officers to assist with local issues such as car parking and dog fouling. It was explained that Council Officers did have the power to fine people for illegal parking through the issuing of Penalty Notices, which would assist matters locally. It was more difficult however, to fine dog owners for not picking up their animals mess after them in public places, as this offence had to be witnessed in order for a Notice to be successfully issued and the owner fined.

Chief Superintendent Morgan then alluded to Operation Sceptre. This was something that had been ongoing for some time, and had been initially set-up to deter knife related crime. It was important he added, to recognise that arresting our way out of the problem was not the solution, but that he preferred a fuller, partnership engagement programme through schools, youth service and any other agency to reinforce the message that it's not 'cool to carry.'

A Member asked the Officer if he felt that the 101 service of the Police was inadequate in terms of the speed of a substantive response to such calls, by the public.

Chief Superintendent Morgan advised that South Wales continued to enjoy above average performance with around 86% of calls answered in the required timescales. He added that this issue was also clouded, due to the fact that some members of the public, being unable to properly distinguish the difference between 101 and 999 calls and he gave examples of misuse of the system for the benefit of Members.

A Member asked if PCSO's could issue Fixed Penalty Notices.

Chief Superintendent Morgan replied that PCSO's had very limited powers and this did not extend to issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for a host of offences, as they had no powers to detain the public.

This concluded the presentation by the police representative, and the Leader thanked the Chief Superintendent for his submission, which he was sure Members found both interesting and informative.

RESOLVED: That Town and Community Council Forum noted the above verbal presentation.

182. PROGRESS OF ACTIVE TRAVEL IN BRIDGEND

The Team Leader – Policy, Development and Transport submitted a report, the purpose of which, was to provide the Forum with an update on active travel in Bridgend, that was presented to the Clerks of Town and Community Councils on 28 June 2019.

By way of background information, he confirmed that the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 came into force in September 2014 and since then, the Welsh Government has been supporting councils in Wales through grant funding, to deliver the active travel programme identified in individual council's Integrated Network Maps. Each year, councils are invited to submit proposals to implement routes that promote active travel including routes that compliment schemes implemented under safe routes in communities or to schools, also funded by Welsh Government (WG). Where appropriate and applicable, the Council also implements sections of the active travel network through developer contributions.

The Team Leader – Policy, Development and Transport then proceeded to give a presentation, the main thrust of which, was to inform Councillors of the extent of progress and to explain the processes that the Council Officers undergo to determine and assess schemes.

The presentation addressed the following principal points and themes:-

The main purpose of the Act, was to make walking and cycling the preferred way of getting around over short(er) distances.

An Active Travel network map was submitted for approval by WG in October 2017. The network covers:-

- Existing Routes Map (ERM)
- Integrated Network Map (INM)
- Map to be made available to the public

Progress in Bridgend

Active Travel integrates with wider transport policies:-

1. Local Development Plan (LDP)
2. Local Transport Plan (LTP)

Active travel infrastructure improvement and funding

- Schemes to be identified in the INM and the LTP
 - Schemes to be associated with and complement safe routes in communities/to schools
 - Such schemes to be identified in school travel plans or community access plans
 - Schemes to be developed and funded through the land-use process as part of:-
1. 21st Century Schools programme
 2. Residential developments
 3. NHS/Trust developments
 4. Town Centre regeneration
 5. Transportation infrastructure development.

The presentation then gave information regarding WG funding for 2016/17 – 2018/19, together with that for 2019/20:-

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Programme	Scheme	Grant (£'000)
Local Transport Fund	Penprysg Road Bridge	240
	A4063 Sarn – Maesteg	50
	Bridgend to Coychurch	750
Sub Total		1,040
Local Transport Network Fund	Bus Corridors	150
Safe Routes	Coity Higher	218.3
	Newton Ph. 2	243
Sub Total		461.3
Active Travel Fund	Core development funding	316
	Brackla to Bridgend	717
	Pencoed to Technology Park	898
Sub Total		1,931
Grand Total		3,582.30

Active Travel and wellbeing goals

- Prosperity
- Resilience
- Healthiness
- More equality
- Community cohesiveness
- Cultural vibrancy
- Global responsibility

Promotion of Active Travel journeys, through:-

Long term planning, e.g. land-use development;
Prevention, e.g. reducing car dependency, cycle training in schools, cycle to work schemes in the workplace;
Integration, e.g. intermodal and land-use integration;
Collaboration, e.g. with communities, schools, etc;
Involvement, e.g. transport users, pedestrians, cyclists, etc

Active Travel and the planning process

The development planning process plans for:

1. Integration and co-ordination of land-use planning and transport
2. Accessibility for all (a widened choice)
3. Reducing the need to travel
4. Prioritising active travel and public transport provision
5. Support for ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs)

The development control process delivers:

- Design and layout of streets
(Manual for streets)
(Active travel design guide)
(Other urban design principles)
- Transport assessments
- Amelioration of transport impacts
- 'polluter' pays principle

The Team Leader – Policy, Development and Transport, then shared with Members, land-use developments that have benefited from developer contributions for active travel schemes for the period of 2014 – 2018.

As this concluded the presentation, the Leader (and Chairperson) thanked the Officer for his submission.

A Member from Coity Higher aired his disappointment that despite the Coity Higher Community Council putting in a bid which at first was unsuccessful. The Community Council then subsequently put in a further bid for a Safe Routes to School scheme, but they did not receive all the grant money they thought they were entitled to. A Member of Coychurch Higher also added that a bid by the Community Council was also unsuccessful in terms of cycle route provision at Heol-y-Cyw into neighbouring areas such as Pencoed, particularly as there was little in the way of retail outlets in the Heol-y-Cyw area.

The Team Leader – Policy, Development and Transport advised that bids have to satisfy certain criteria, in order for them in turn, to be successful. This was dependent upon the layout of housing developments; land use criteria (in accordance with the Local Development Plan (LDP)). Transport accessibility also needed to be looked at in terms of serving a development. A Network Group would then look at settlement boundaries between and joining-up communities, in order to see if cycle routes and Safe Routes to Schools could be introduced in the vicinity of the area. Before funding was fully realised a type of Business Case needed to be introduced, whereby WG could be satisfied that routes such as those mentioned above, would be used by the public and school children etc.

He added in response to both the above Members queries, that the Community Councils' requests had also been hindered in terms of providing the official routes over and through the sections of land they referred to, as a result of land use/ownership problems.

He further added, that in respect of the area of Coity Higher, he had received a considerable number of suggested crossing point schemes and therefore he asked Coity Higher Community Council to list these in order of priority and to, in turn, return this list, as there was insufficient funding to proceed with an exhaustive list in one particular location of the County Borough.

The Leader concluded debate on this item, by advising that it had been estimated that there would be an increase of 500 houses a year built in different areas of the County Borough, as a result of the construction of new housing developments and therefore, the theme of Active Travel would very much continue as long funding was available from WG. This form of travel would also go towards reducing the use of vehicular traffic and the resulting pollution that is emitted into the atmosphere from this form of transport.

RESOLVED: That the contents of both the report and the accompanying presentation be noted.

183. STREET CLEANSING

RESOLVED: At the direction of the Chairperson and following the agreement of Members, the Forum deferred this item to the next scheduled meeting.

184. URGENT ITEMS

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None.

The meeting closed at 18:27

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON MONDAY, 29 JULY 2019 AT 09:30

Present

Councillor HJ David – Chairperson

S Aspey	SE Baldwin	Bennett	H Bennett
JPD Blundell	Buckley	NA Burnett	MC Clarke
N Clarke	Davies	P Davies	S Dendy
L Desmond-Williams	D Evans	T Giffard	CA Green
P Jenkins	C Jones	T Lyddon	RL Penhale-Thomas
AA Pucella	B Sedgebeer	CE Smith	JC Spanswick
G Thomas			

Apologies for Absence

N Alderton, R Davies, RM Granville, P Gwilliam, Ciaron Jackson, Jones, B Jones, D Jones, A Mckay, J Powson, SG Smith, JH Tildesley MBE, KJ Watts, W Willis and RE Young

Officers:

Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Gill Lewis	Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer

186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

187. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) 2020-21 TO 2023-24 - UPDATE AND BUDGET CONSULTATION 2019 - ENGAGEMENT WITH TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Chief Executive Officer submitted a report, the purpose of which was to update the Town and Community Council Forum on the MTFS 2020-21 to 2023-24 and to inform Members etc of the MTFS 2019 Budget Consultation process, with the aim of improving engagement with Town and Community Councils.

The report gave some background information, then confirmed that the proposed timeframe for the MTFS 2019 Budget consultation was 9 September 2019 to 3 November 2019.

The next section of the report outlined the methods by which the public consultation would be carried out, which included on-line and in paper format, including through advertisements being placed in places regularly visited by the public.

Public meetings would also take place as well as engagement regarding these with Town/Community Councils, who were a very important consultee.

The Interim Head of Finance and S151 Officer then gave a power point presentation, entitled Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Budget briefing.

She explained that the current Council budget for 2019/20 is allocated as follows:

Directorate/Budget Area	Budget 2019-20 £'000
Directorate	
Education and Family Support	21,347
Schools	94,861
Social Services and Wellbeing	70,894
Communities	25,422
Chief Executive's	18,667
Total Directorate Budgets	231,191
Council Wide Budgets	
Capital Financing	7,329
Levies	7,134
Apprenticeship Levy	700
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	14,854
Insurance Premiums	1,588
Building Maintenance	870
Pension Related Costs	430
Other Council Wide Budgets	6,713
Total Council Wide Budgets	39,618
Total	270,809

The net budget is mainly funded by Welsh Government (WG) and council tax payments. The main element of funding was the Revenue Support Grant, received from Welsh Government, but the Council also receives a share of non-domestic / business rates from the WG. These 2 allocations are fixed and constitute 71% of funding, with the balance being met from council tax. A summary and breakdown of the split was shown below:-

	£	%
Revenue Support Grant	145,354,407	53.67
Non Domestic Rates	46,452,373	17.15
Council Tax Income	79,001,854	29.18
Total	270,808,634	100%

The Council is planning on the basis of 3 scenarios, Best, Most Likely and Worst case scenario, in terms of the level of funding it will receive from Welsh Government. The total of Revenue Support Grant and Non Domestic Rates is referred to as Aggregate External Finance

**MTFS Scenarios 2020-21 to 2023-24 -%
Change in Aggregate External Finance**

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
Best Scenario	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%
Most Likely Scenario	-1.5%	-1.5%	-1.5%	- 1.5%
Worst Scenario	- 3.0%	-3.0%	-3.0%	- 3.0%
Council Tax Increase	+4.5%	+4.5%	+4.5%	+4.5%

Impact of Different Scenarios on Council Funding:

The total amount of Aggregate External Finance that the Council receives in 2019/20 is £191.807m. Below is an indication of the impact on BCBC’s budget of the 3 scenarios in terms of Welsh Government funding. The most likely scenario will mean a reduction in funding of over £2.8m, before any additional pressures are taken into account.

Scenario	AEF % Reduction	£m Reduction
Best	-1.0%	£1.918 m
Most Likely	-1.5%	£2.877 m
Worst	-3.0%	£5.754 m

Impact of Different Council Tax Increases

Average Band D Council Tax is currently £1,470.87 for 2019/20. The 3 scenarios in the MTFS also assumed a council tax increase of 4.5% which would generate £3.5 million, partly to offset the reduction in AEF, but also partly to contribute to the additional pressures. The following information reflects the differing amounts of reduced or additional income that could be collected depending on what % increase in council tax the Council approves. If the rate is below the 4.5% assumed within the MTFS, then additional budget reductions may be required to balance the budget

Council Tax Increase	Additional Council Tax Collected
+4.5%	Assumed Increase
+3.0%	-£1.185m
+4.0%	-£0.395m
+5.5%	+£0.790m
+6.0%	+£1.185m
+6.5%	+£1.580m

Added Pressures facing the Council

The following highlight the various pressures that the Council also has to meet, on top of the reduced funding from Welsh Government. In total these pressures amount to over £10.6 million. The agreed pay awards has placed considerable extra pressure on the budget.

Staffing costs – Impact of National Living Wage plus unknown pay awards (average 2% in 2019-20)

Increase in employers' contributions for teachers pensions

Inflationary pressures – CPI currently at 2%. Rising energy prices. Impact of Brexit, etc.

Legislative pressures – e.g. Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018, Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

MTFS Scenarios 2021-21 to 2023-24 and the impact on the amount of Budget Reductions Required

Based on the Most Likely Scenario, the Council is faced with budget reductions of over £35 million over the next 4 years from a budget of £270 million – 13% of current budget, or 20% of budget excluding schools.

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Best Scenario	9,773	7,584	7,398	7,204	31,959
Most Likely Scenario	10,732	8,519	8,309	8,093	35,653
Worst Scenario	13,609	11,267	10,932	10,595	46,403

Risk Status of Current Budget Reduction Proposals

The following table reflects where BCBC currently are in respect of achieving the total of savings as shown. 83% of the savings proposals, or £29.5m of the £35m, are currently not developed, or not even identified. In addition, those proposals that have been identified will need reviewing and a decision made as to whether they are still viable and deliverable, so this shortfall could increase.

Year	GREEN:	AMBER:	RED:	Budget reductions Identified so far	Budget reductions not yet developed	Total Required
	Proposal developed and deliverable	Proposal in development but includes delivery risk	Proposals not fully developed and include high delivery risk			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
2020-21	37	1,040	2,603	3,680	7,052	10,732
2021-22	0	975	584	1,559	6,960	8,519
2022-23	0	900	0	900	7,409	8,309
2023-24	0	0	0	0	8,093	8,093
Total	37	2,915	3,187	6,139	29,514	35,653
Percentage of total required	0%	8%	9%	17%	83%	100%

The Interim Head of Finance and S151 Officer advised of the Directorate Target Reductions up until 2023-24, as detailed below:-

Directorate	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
	Total Target	Total Target	Total Target	Total Target	Total Target

Education & Family Support	1,911	1,465	1,423	1,379	6,178
Schools	949	949	949	949	3,794
Social Services & Wellbeing	2,933	2,348	2,293	2,236	9,810
Communities	2,622	1,999	1,940	1,880	8,441
Chief Executive's	2,318	1,758	1,705	1,650	7,430
TOTAL	10,732	8,519	8,309	8,093	35,653

The Interim Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer finalised her presentation by stating that there was ongoing a planned comprehensive spending review due to take place by the Government which may have some impact on what local authorities in Wales receive in terms of funding from Welsh Government. The timing of such review was unclear which may result in a worst case scenario, whereby the Council's MTFs would not be set until as late as March, as opposed to the usual time each year, which is usually in February.

She added that there was also some uncertainty regarding funding for pay awards and pensions for teaching staff which could also affect the finalising of the MTFs, as could the timing of any grant funding. If this is notified towards year end, rather than earlier in the year, it is usually too late to incorporate it into the overall budget calculations, which would then give a more accurate picture of the Council's financial situation.

The Leader added that the Council's Revenue Support Grant was not known for next year at present and as this was the Council's largest form of income, until this was made more clear the extent of savings the Council would be required to make next year could not as yet be accurately predicted.

The Chairperson then asked Members if they had any questions on the covering report and accompanying presentation.

A Member advised that he was pleased to note that different methods of consultation with constituents including engagement with those of varying ages also (ie the younger and older element of society), was being pursued, in order to build on this initiative from few previous years when this was firstly introduced, was encouraging.

The Leader thanked the Member for this, adding that face to face consultation with the public on the MTFs was also now available, or they could complete an on-line survey if they preferred.

The Consultation, Engagement and Equalities Manager advised that consultation on the MTFs outside of the local authority with the public had increased in recent years, including the feedback received from them as to where they felt any cuts should be made. Officers (and Cabinet Members) now engaged with the public for this purpose via sessions set-up in public libraries, and through Town/Community Council meetings. Consultation events were also held both in the day and the evening, in order that those that worked during the day, could also be encouraged to actively engage in the consultation. The sessions were held in different geographical areas of the County Borough also, she added.

The Chief Executive advised that it was important to engage with the public on the Council's proposals, in order to explain that year on year, the Council was facing more difficult challenges with an ever decreasing budget. He felt it was important to make constituents fully aware, through the consultation process, that the Authority was not able to deliver some key services it had in previous years as it basically had less money with which to do so. Some non-statutory services had now even been cut altogether he added, and this trend was likely to be something that could continue longer term. He explained that the Council would also have a leaner staffing compliment moving forward and it would need to work more innovatively than previously, in order to overcome future challenges it would be confronted with.

The Clerk to Pencoed Town Council thanked Officers for today's presentation, though he added that he would be interested to learn more about the Council's Capital budget as well as its Revenue position.

The Leader confirmed that information in respect of both the Authority's Capital and Revenue Budgets would be shared as part of the consultation process, where the difference between the two would be explained.

He added briefly that the Council's Revenue allocation covered its day to day expenditure, including on staffing, which was by far the biggest spend of this area of its budget. Capital expenditure was more about the Authority investing in its assets over a number of years. Under the Capital Programme it is possible to borrow to fund and/or invest in certain schemes it proposed to introduce, although this funding has to be repaid. A number of specific schemes within the capital programme are also funded from external grants.

A Member (Chairperson of the Council's Budget Research and Evaluation Panel, BREP) advised that this Panel 'shadowed' the Council's financial position from the start to end of the financial year when the MTFS was set, in the shape of a critical friend. The Panel also, through the scrutiny process, made recommendations to Cabinet on certain budget proposals he added. He explained that Town/Community Councils had an important part to play in the support of the local authority, particularly in funding various community projects through its precept which could be increased for this purpose. He felt that it was important, wherever possible, not to keep cutting public facing services.

The Leader made the point that BREP undertook excellent work in respect of giving advice and feedback to the Council's Executive on the MTFS and he pointed out that the membership of BREP was made up of representatives from all BCBC's political groups, as opposed to being formed from the majority parties.

The Vice-Chairperson of the Forum felt that support to the Council in the current financial climate was becoming increasingly important, as its budget was reducing year on year. Through partnership working, organisations including Town/Community Councils were key in assisting local authorities to provide or maintain bus shelters, park benches, play areas/grounds, public toilets and other similar such facilities that benefited the public.

A Member felt it would be beneficial if BCBC developed a programme, on a ward to ward basis, of schemes it could either assist in developing or maintaining, including through the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process. This would contribute towards efficiency savings for the Council, he added.

The Chief Executive acknowledged the importance of such joint or collaborative ways of working going forward, as the local authority were facing continued cuts, including on

service areas that had been cut previously on more than one occasion. The continuation of this was becoming increasingly difficult, he explained.

The Leader confirmed that since the Council has had to make cuts, it had lost a total of 400 posts, and inevitably this also resulted in a loss of or reduction in services.

A Member advised that it was important that where the same service was provided by both tiers of Authority, these were provided at intervals in a timely manner. An example of this was grass cutting.

The Leader also felt that communication needed to be maintained robustly between BCBC and Town/Community Councils and one of the ways that this could be maintained, was through Members of the Authority who were also Members of Town/Community Councils.

A Member asked if there was a fall back situation, if the Council reached a position financially that was unsustainable and found itself facing bankruptcy as at least one Authority in England had previously.

The Leader confirmed that the Council would not go bankrupt while it kept maintaining a balanced budget, year on year. This involved protecting the most vulnerable and providing continued support for its 59 schools, as well as a variety of different care choices and services for the elderly. It would also look to maintain its key frontline services, he added.

The Chief Executive supplemented the above by confirming that the Council had yet to face further unprecedented cuts, with savings of £10m required in 2020/21 with a further £8m of savings needed in 2021/22. It would be very difficult to achieve this level of savings he added, but they would be required to be made nevertheless.

A Member made the point that a good few years ago, 20% of the Council's budget was made-up from Council tax payments and now this had increased to 29%. To bridge the gap, she felt that local authorities such as BCBC should receive more Revenue Support Grant from Central or Welsh Government.

The Leader confirmed that this was an issue he frequently raised with Welsh Government.

A Member of Porthcawl Town Council advised that no less than 16 projects had been initiated by the Town Council, but these were being hindered or stalled in terms of their progress, largely because of legal or property/land ownership difficulties. Some of these would be processed through CAT's, and the Town Council had accrued in the region of £420k to assist in the delivery of these schemes. If these were not progressed by the end of the financial year with the level of funding being fully committed to them, then the Auditor appointed to check their accounts would question this.

The Leader confirmed that the Council were in the process of streamlining the Community Asset Transfer process, though every area of land or site within the County Borough was unique and raised some difficulty or another with regard to a facility being taken over by various organisations, or new structures being built on land etc. This meant that different approaches needed to be adopted with regards to introducing various schemes and projects, with the view of overcoming land ownership, property, leasing, covenant and other legal issues.

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A Member raised the point that collaborative working between adjoining Town/Community Councils, discussed as an option previously, should now be actively pursued in order to assist in the financial support of community projects etc.

The Leader concluded debate on this item, by confirming that engagement with Town/Community Councils would continue on both proposals highlighted above and on the MTFs as it progressed and developed.

RESOLVED: That both the report and accompanying presentation be noted.

188. URGENT ITEMS

None.

The meeting closed at 11:18

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

10 DECEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT

BRIDGEND'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Town and Community Council Forum members with an update in respect of Bridgend's local government education services.

2. Connection to corporate improvement objectives/other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priority:

- **Supporting a successful economy** – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.

3. Context

- 3.1 Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) maintains 60 schools (including 1 pupil referral unit). There are 48 primary schools, including 4 that provide Welsh-medium education. There are 9 secondary schools including 1 Welsh-medium school. In addition, there are 2 special schools and a pupil referral unit.
- 3.2 Bridgend is one of five local authorities in the Central South Consortium joint education service for school improvement. In 2019-2020, the Council's net Education and Family Support Directorate budget is approximately £114m. This represents 42.1% of the Council's total net budget of £271m.
- 3.3 Further information in relation to children and young people in Bridgend is noted below:
- Over a 3-year average, 18.1% of pupils aged 5 to 15 are eligible for free school meals (which is slightly higher than the Wales average of 17.9%).
 - 7.7% of pupils aged 5 and over are fluent in Welsh (which is lower than the Wales average of 16.2%).
 - 6.0% of pupils are from ethnic minorities (which is lower than the Wales average of 11.0%).

- 20.2% of pupils have special educational needs (which is lower than the Wales average of 22.6%).
 - 131 children per 10,000 were looked after by the local authority in 2018 (which is higher than the Wales average of 102 children per 10,000).
- 3.4 The Education and Family Support Directorate is the largest directorate within BCBC. The Education and Family Support Directorate has:
- 947 corporate staff working in non-school settings;
 - 635 corporate staff working in school-based settings; and
 - 3000 staff employed directly by Bridgend schools.
- 3.5 The Education and Family Support Directorate delegated 85.6% of its budget directly to schools in 2019-2020. This delegation rate compares favourably to the all-Wales average of 83.9%. In general terms, however, the amount Bridgend delegates to schools on a 'per pupil' basis is slightly below the all-Wales average (of £4,906) at £4,822.
- 3.6 However, the Education and Family Support Directorate retains £814 per pupil for central services, which is considerably below the all-Wales average of £934. This means that less money is retained by the local authority for centrally provided education services and more money is devolved to schools to support frontline services.
- 3.7 The Education and Family Support Directorate had an overspend at the end of the previous financial year (as at 31 March 2019) of £401k. The two main pressures on the directorate's budget were:
- home-to-school transport; and
 - support for learners with additional needs.

4. Current position

- 4.1 BCBC was inspected by Estyn during the week commencing 18 March 2019 under the new Local Government Education Services (LGES) Inspection Framework, introduced in September 2018.
- 4.2 The inspection was moderated by an Assistant Director from Estyn. Inspectors from Wales Audit Office (WAO) and Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) were members of the inspection team. A wide range of stakeholders were involved in the inspection including elected members, officers, headteachers, learners and members of the public.
- 4.3 The inspection report was published on 31 May 2019. The full text of the report is available on the Estyn website: www.estyn.gov.uk
- 4.4 While the inspection report was largely positive, Estyn identified several areas for development and made four key recommendations:
- Recommendation 1 - Raise standards of literacy in primary schools

- Recommendation 2 - Improve outcomes for post-16 learners in sixth forms
 - Recommendation 3 – Increase the pace of improvement in schools causing concern
 - Recommendation 4 – Strengthen the role of the Welsh Education Strategic Forum to ensure timely progress in delivering the priorities identified in the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan
- 4.5 BCBC is required to update its plans to address the four main recommendations and to take account of shortcomings identified through the inspection process.
- 4.6 BCBC has developed a post-inspection action plan (PIAP) which is monitored by the local authority’s School Improvement Group (SIG). SIG includes a wide range of representatives including:
- Leader of the Council (as chairperson);
 - Chief Executive;
 - Deputy Leader of the Council;
 - Cabinet Member for Education Regeneration;
 - Chair of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 (SOSC1);
 - Corporate Director (Education and Family Support);
 - Senior Challenge Adviser (Central South Consortium); and
 - key officers from BCBC’s HR, Finance, Inclusion and School Improvement services.
- 4.7 Progress reports in respect of the PIAP objectives are also provided to Estyn (on a termly basis via the Local Authority Link Inspector (LALI) visits) and to SOSC1 (on an annual basis).
- 4.8 The Education and Family Support Directorate has adopted a RAYG (red (worst) / amber / yellow / green (best)) rating model to illustrate progress and outcomes against identified targets within its PIAP. At present (December 2019), of the 24 objectives identified within the PIAP:
- no objective has been identified as demonstrating ‘green’ progress;
 - 13 objectives have been identified as demonstrating ‘yellow’ progress;
 - 11 objectives have been identified as demonstrating ‘amber’ progress; and
 - no objective has been identified as demonstrating ‘red’ progress.
- 4.9 School performance in Bridgend is generally good. However, a few schools are ‘causing concern’. Based on support category information for Bridgend schools:
- 31 schools are ‘green’;
 - 22 schools are ‘yellow’;

- 4 schools are 'amber'; and
- 3 schools are 'red'.

4.10 BCBC continues to work closely with Central South Consortium (the local authority's school improvement partner) to ensure 'schools causing concern' (ie those schools in either 'red' or 'amber' support category) are supported in order that they improve.

4.11 Estyn has determined that:

'overall, pupils in Bridgend make good progress between the statutory school ages of five and sixteen.'

While this provides some assurance that statutory education in Bridgend is effective, as noted by Estyn in its report (May 2019) in respect of local government education services in Bridgend, improvement is required at key stage 2 and at post-16. BCBC and Central South Consortium are working with schools to ensure swift improvements in these key areas.

4.12 Additional key information (in relation to learners at Bridgend schools) is provided below:

- Pupil attendance is strong and consistently compares favourably with the all-Wales average.
- Pupil exclusion data is generally in line with the all-Wales average, although, recently, BCBC has seen a rise in fixed-term exclusions.
- In general, progress made by vulnerable learners, is either in line with, or better than, the all-Wales average.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1 There is no effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

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

7.1 The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 provides a framework for embedding sustainable development principles within the activities of Council and has major implications for the long-term planning of finances and service provision. The seven wellbeing goals identified in the Act have driven the Council's three wellbeing objectives (ie supporting a successful economy, helping people to be more self-reliant and smarter use of resources).

7.2 The wellbeing objectives are designed to complement each other and be part of an integrated way of working to improve wellbeing for people in Bridgend County. In developing the Education and Family Support Directorate's business plan, officers and school-based colleagues have considered the

importance of balancing short-term needs with safeguarding the ability to meet longer-term objectives.

- 7.3 BCBC's approach to meeting its responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, including acting in accordance with the sustainable development principle, is reflected throughout the Education and Family Support Directorate's business plan; not least as the strategy establishes a long-term vision for improvements in learner outcomes.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1 There are no explicit financial implications associated with this report.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 Town and Community Council Forum members are asked to:
- Note the contents of this report.

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

10 DECEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

STREET CLEANSING

1. Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit an informational update on the current street cleansing activities and resource levels throughout Bridgend County Borough and its Town Centres.
- 1.2 The report follows a previous report on the subject provided in March 2018 to the Town and Community Council Forum and provides more recent information in relation to positive litter awareness campaigning and enforcement.
- 1.3 Lastly the report considers the potential future direction for the Street Cleansing Service given the ongoing pressures of austerity on budgets.

2. Connections to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priorities:
 - **Supporting a successful economy** - taking steps to make the County a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the County.
 - **Helping people to be more self-reliant** - taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
 - **Smarter use of resources** - ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

3. Background

- 3.1 The ongoing financial savings implemented by the Council ("BCBC") in order to meet reductions in public funding have had a significant impact on the size of the Street Cleansing Teams.
- 3.2 In 2010, the Street Scene Department consisted of circa 85 staff in total. Now in 2019, the Cleaner Streets Department is made up of 35 operators and 2

foreman with 17 operators based in the North and 18 operators based in the South.

- 3.3 Despite the significant savings made, the Council has managed to largely mitigate the impact of the staff losses by better utilisation of resources moving to an area based team model and improving individual productivity.
- 3.4 In May 2019, the All Wales Local Environmental Audit and Management System Report 2018-19 compiled from independent on street inspections carried out by Keep Wales Tidy, gave Bridgend a Cleanliness Indicator Score of 67.7 and graded the streets predominantly free of litter and refuse apart from some small items or better as 96.7%. These scores are shown on Appendix 1 with all other Welsh authorities, as can be seen the Bridgend scores are comparable with those of surrounding South Wales authorities.

4 Current Situation

4.1 Cleaner Streets Cleansing Schedules:

4.2 The street cleansing for Town Centres and surrounding areas is based on a set schedule and rota.

4.3 The schedule however, is not set in stone and is often adapted to change the frequency of cleansing and litter picking to ensure that a service is provided in all areas all be it on a reduced level especially in seasonal cases or where major events are taking place.

4.4 Other factors which affect the service schedule are when cleansing and caged vehicles are put out of service coupled with staff shortages through holiday and sickness cover, which in both cases has a detrimental outcome and therefore cleaning schedules have to be adjusted and frequency reduced.

4.5 Town Centre Cleaning Schedules:

- **Bridgend Town Centre**

Bridgend	Sweeper	Bins and litter picking
Mon – Friday	06.00 – 09.30	06.00 – 14.00 (08.00-16.00)
Saturday	06.00 - 09.30	06.00 - 10.00
Sunday	06.00 - 09.30	06.00 – 10.00

Mon – Fri: 06.00 – 08.00, caged lorry, team leader and one operative litter pick and empty BCBC bins in town centre, they then remove fly tipping, empty BCBC bins and litter pick surrounding areas as per schedule until 1400.

Mon – Fri: 06.00- 14.00 - Pedestrian Sweeper also sweeps town, once completed reverts to sweep as per schedule.

Mon – Fri: one operative 08.00 – 16.00, litter picks and empty BCBC bins.

Saturday and Sunday: 06.00 – 10.00, caged Lorry, team leader and one operative – Pedestrian Sweeper. Town is cleaned and then lorry empties bins in surrounding areas and picks as required, sweeper reverts to schedule.

- **Porthcawl**

<u>Porthcawl</u>	<u>Sweeper</u>	<u>Bins and litter picking</u>
Mon – Friday	06.00 – 09.30	06.00 – 14.00 (09.00-17.00)
Saturday	06.00 - 09.30	06.00 - 11.00
Sunday	06.00 - 09.30	06.00 – 11.00

Mon – Fri: 06.00 – 14.00, team leader and one operative empty bins on Promenade and town centre plus litter pick.

Mon, Wed, and Fri: empty bins and litter pick in surrounding areas.

Mon – Fri: 08.00 – 16.00, lorry, team leader and usually one operative empty bin in Porthcawl until 10.30 and then litter pick as required by schedule.

09.00 – 17.00, one operative litter picks and empties BCBC bins in town centre and surrounding areas.

Sat to Sun: 06.00 – 11.00 Lorry, team leader and one operative empty BCBC bins on Promenade, then in to Town to empty bins and litter pick. Sweeper follows on behind and they brush out as necessary. Sweeper then returns to schedule and lorry empties BCBC bins in surrounding areas.

- **Pencoed**

Does not have a schedule like other town centres, 0800 – 16.00 Mon, Wed, Friday, bins emptied and litter picked. Sweeper visits as required or by schedule.

- **Maesteg**

<u>Maesteg</u>	<u>Sweeper</u>	<u>Bins and litter picking</u>
Mon – Friday	06.00 – 07.40	08.00 – 16.00 (09.00-17.00)
Saturday	06.00 - 07.40	06.00 - 11.00
Sunday	06.00 - 07.40	06.00 – 11.00

Mon – Sunday, 0600 -0740, Town centre with sweeper and a brush man who will also empty bins. On two weekends in a month it is completed by two men, this normally takes around two hours which is without use of the sweeper.

Mon – Fri, 0800 – 1600, lorry, team leader and usually one operative empty bins around Maesteg until 1030 and then litter pick as required by schedule. 0900 – 1700, one operative litter picks and empties BCBC bins in town centre and surrounding areas.

The town centre consists of the main streets, bus station, car park and surrounding lanes around the main streets.

4.6 Building Relations

4.7 The Cleaner Streets Team report that the increasing demands and pressures placed on the Department and Service has led to the section now being at maximum capacity and to be able to maintain a satisfactory service provision, the Department is having to curtail the fitting of any additional litter bins as requested through referrals. The Cleaner Streets Team understands that closer working with Town and Community Councils is important to be able to maintain a satisfactory service should any further financial constraints be placed on the Department. The Cleaner Streets Operations Officer has spent considerable time over the past year working with and attending meetings to identify opportunities and offering support and ideas for ways in which to work together to meet the objectives of cleaner towns / streets.

4.8 We believe that good relations have been forged and in some cases much work has been accomplished through partnering, examples include the provision and revamping of litter bins throughout the borough, servicing community bins and providing additional support through volunteer services.

4.9 This year the Cleaner Streets Operations Officer presented a ‘litter awareness and behaviour change’ Project to all Town Councils. The Project involves educating the community by firstly linking with schools to develop messages that the children would like to give to their community. The Project work that took place in Porthcawl involved the following:

- Firstly, school pupils learnt about the impact of litter by carrying out a litter-pick in the streets surrounding their school with Keep Wales Tidy, followed by a beach clean with Seaquest and workshops in the classroom. The school children collated the information they had found out through carrying out these activities and produced a report and posters. The reports and posters then provide the basis of a marketing campaign where the posters were displayed in the local area. An information leaflet was also produced and circulated to local households along with various other PR activities. The litter-picks and beach cleaning were repeated after 6 months to see if there were any changes.
- Secondly, following on from the work with schools the project looked at business waste. The Cleaner Streets Operations Officer will visit local shops and cafes to offer advice on reducing their packaging waste and to look at alternatives to using plastic and get involved with becoming a water bottle refill point. Any business that came on board displays a ‘supporter’s sticker’

based on the posters designed by the school children, further spreading the message within the local community.

- 4.10 Porthcawl Town Council were the first to see the value of running such a scheme and the “Porthcawl Love it Don’t Trash it” Project was launched in January of this year. The work with the 5 primary schools in Porthcawl has now been completed and as well as their posters now being displayed in the locality, some 7,000 households in the Porthcawl area have also received an information leaflet. The media attention, both on social media and in the local press, and the involvement of the community has been extremely supportive which has provided a very successful outcome to date. Local businesses are also coming on board, looking at their packaging waste and meeting the challenges of providing a litter and plastic free Porthcawl.

The results from the school litter picks and beach clean have also noted a success with a 50% reduction in litter collected between their first litter pick and beach clean and their second. When the activities were repeated 6 months later, the schools also reported a reduction in larger pieces of litter being found, such as single use plastic bottles, with the main types of litter collected being the smaller items such as wrappers etc.

- 4.11 Following the success of the Project in Porthcawl, BCBC are keen to expand this project and discussions are now under way with Pencoed Town Council and interest has also been expressed by Brackla Community Council.
- 4.12 To develop relations further within the communities, the Cleaner Streets Operations Officer and the Waste and Policy Officer have been attending various community groups, associations and schools presenting talks on waste issues and recycling and also providing an update on the ‘Porthcawl Love it Don’t Trash it’ Project, which has received positive responses to date. The Project feedback received has revealed, a former general unawareness of the pressures Waste and Cleaner Streets services are under, an appreciation of staff working differently to achieve a cleaner Bridgend and a general increase in knowledge recycling and waste.

4.13 Dog Fouling

- 4.14 Dog fouling has been at the forefront of complaints received coupled with social media escalating people’s opinions further which have increased the demand for more action to be taken: dog fowl bins, enforcement, signage etc.

4.15 TiksPac UK Ltd (“TiksPac”)

Following the successful trial of the TiksPac dog fouling posts in Pencoed and Maesteg, partnership with TiksPac has expanded providing a further twenty posts throughout the borough. TiksPac is an environmental concept which includes a post station that provides biodegradable dog waste bags for dog walkers, and these stations have been placed at selected locations such as footpaths, parks and other public areas and on routes where there are also litter

bins for their collection. This has been completed in collaboration with Town and Community Councils providing the locations.

4.16 Initial reports from areas suggest that these are helping reduce the impact of dog fouling and social media such as Facebook have provided positive feedback, as have several Local Councillors.

4.17 To support the scheme new signage has been developed to encourage dog walkers to pick up after their pets, these posters are in the form of a cartoon caricature and are currently being strategically placed in hot spot areas.

4.18 3rd Sector working/Volunteering

4.19 The Cleaner Streets Team has been working closely with Keep Wales Tidy (KWT) towards the development of community volunteer hubs based on a successful application for £30,000 of funding from Welsh Government.

4.20 The application is based on the Cleaner Streets Team working jointly with KWT in the development of community based projects under the Caru Cymru Project.

Part of the Project is to set up Community Hubs (“Hubs”) throughout the borough (5 in the first year). These Hubs are based on the volunteer groups that were set up previously. The success and popularity of the groups whilst welcomed has led to difficulty in providing the resources to the support the activities and as a result the voluntary work was becoming unsustainable. The Hubs will aim to provide a central point in specific areas/communities where litter champions can go to access resources to carry out their activities and the Hub being provided with the equipment as a central base. The Cleaner Streets Officer has already begun identifying the various hub areas and has been discussing this with various communities and over the coming weeks will be contacting Community Councils to provide a full understanding and outline of the Hub.

4.21 The grant also allows the Department to develop sustainable projects and to work with communities and schools. It is our aim to use these funds to work on initiatives such as the ‘Bridgend Love It Don’t Trash it’ Campaign with the wider community.

4.22 Enforcement / 3GS

4.23 To further improve the street scene environment the contractor 3GS has been engaged to carry out litter enforcement activities throughout the borough. This is for an initial one year period that commenced in May 2019. Towards the end of this period a review of the success of the enforcement activities will be carried out to inform future enforcement provision.

4.24 Future Direction

4.25 With no immediate end to austerity and funding reductions in sight the future provision of the street cleansing service will have to be considered. Whilst it is

not decided what savings if any the cleansing budget may have to produce, any future service model may need to be significantly different to the current arrangement. A move to a re-active cleansing service model would whilst being far from ideal offer further savings if required.

- 4.26 It is clear that reliance on voluntary groups and Town and Community Councils will inevitably increase as we move forwards and maintaining effective and innovative working relationships to address littering will be vital.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 There are no effects upon BCBC's Policy Framework or Procedure Rules.

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 None for this information only report

8 Financial implications

- 8.1 The costs of the Street Cleaning Teams are met through the Council's Revenue Budget and there has also been the additional grant of £30,000 from Welsh Government for the Volunteer Community Hubs Project.

9 Recommendation

- 9.1 That the Town and Community Council Forum note the content of this report.

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Background Documents:

None

Appendix 1: Headline Local Authority Results

2018-19 Local Authority

	Cleanliness Indicator Score	Percentage of Streets Graded B and Above
Anglesey	74.6	100
Blaenau Gwent	64.9	94.1
Bridgend	67.7	96.7
Caerphilly	68.2	97.9
Cardiff	67.3	96
Carmarthenshire	77.9	91.2
Ceredigion	83.6	97.8
Conwy	72.3	97.5
Denbighshire	74	98.7
Flintshire	70.6	95.8
Gwynedd	73.6	98.6
Merthyr Tydfil	66.3	95.5
Monmouthshire	67.4	95.8
Neath Port Talbot	65.9	93.8
Newport	64	89.6
Pembrokeshire	83.2	94.6
Powys	66.4	94.6
Rhondda Cynon Taf	66.7	97.6
Swansea	67.1	96.4
Torfaen	67.4	96.6
Vale of Glamorgan	69.4	96.1
Wrexham	70.0	97.4