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PWYLLGOR Y CABINET CYDRADDOLDEB

Cynhelir Cyfarfod Pwyllgor Y Cabinet Cydraddoldeb o bell trwy Skype ar **Dydd Mercher**, **7 Hydref 2020** am **10:00**.

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2. Datganiadau o fuddiant

Derbyn datganiadau o ddiddordeb personol a rhagfarnol (os o gwbl) gan Aelodau / Swyddogion yn unol â darpariaethau'r Cod Ymddygiad Aelodau a fabwysiadwyd gan y Cyngor o 1 Medi 2008.

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PWYLLGOR Y CABINET CYDRADDOLDEB - DYDD LLUN, 24 AWST 2020

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66. <u>DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT</u>

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67. CYMERADWYAETH COFNODION

PENDERFYNWYD: Cymeradwyo bod cofnodion cyfarfod Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb y

Cabinet, dyddiedig 21 Tachwedd 2019, yn gywir.

68. DIWEDDARIAD AR WAITH CYDRADDOLDEBAU MEWN YSGOLION

Cyflwynodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb adroddiad er mwyn rhoi'r newyddion diweddaraf i Bwyllgor Cydraddoldeb y Cabinet am waith Cydraddoldeb mewn ysgolion ym Mwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, gan gynnwys digwyddiadau bwlio, digwyddiadau hiliol, gwaith partneriaeth, effaith rôl y swyddog cydlyniant cymunedol a gweithio gyda'r heddlu.

Dywedodd wrth yr Aelodau fod canllawiau wedi'u hanfon i'r holl ysgolion ar 18 Mawrth 2019 ar adrodd am ddigwyddiadau hiliol yn yr ysgol.

Cafodd yr ysgolion hefyd fersiwn wedi'i diweddaru o'r Ffurflen Adrodd am Ddigwyddiad Hiliol (Atodiad 1 yr adroddiad y cyfeiriwyd ato).

Amlinellai'r adroddiad hwn y digwyddiadau yr adroddwyd amdanynt yn ystod blynyddoedd academaidd 2018-2019 a 2019-2020, y gwaith a gyflawnwyd mewn ysgolion gan y tîm cynhwysiant a'r gwaith a gyflawnwyd ar y cyd a'r heddlu dros y cyfnod hwn.

Ym mlwyddyn academaidd 2018-2019, adroddodd ysgolion ledled y fwrdeistref sirol am ddeg digwyddiad hiliol. Nodir digwyddiadau a adroddwyd gan yr ysgolion ym mharagraff 4.1 yr adroddiad.

Roedd mwyafrif y digwyddiadau a gofnodwyd yn ôl oed y cyflawnwr a'r dioddefwr yn ddigwyddiadau a oedd yn cynnwys plant rhwng 7 ac 11 oed.

Yn saith o'r digwyddiadau, cofnodwyd y cyflawnwr yn Wyn Prydeinig, yn y tri digwyddiad arall nid oedd ethnigrwydd y cyflawnwr wedi'i gofnodi. Roedd y rhan hon o'r adroddiad hefyd yn cynnwys manylion rhywedd y cyflawnwyr a'r dioddefwyr.

O ganlyniad i'r digwyddiadau hyn, roedd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb wedi cynghori y dylid trefnu hyfforddiant i ddisgyblion ar ffurf cyfres o Weithdai i ysgolion, grwpiau Cymorth Cynnar a darpariaeth gan y Trydydd Sector.

Aeth yn ei blaen i ddweud bod rhwydwaith LGBTQ ysgolion wedi cael ei sefydlu i gefnogi staff ysgol a disgyblion. Ymunodd aelodau'r rhwydwaith, ynghyd ag aelodau o'r Cyngor Ieuenctid â'r Tîm Cydraddoldeb a Chynghorau Balch ar gyfer gorymdaith PRIDE Cymru ym mis Awst 2019.

Hyd yma ym mlwyddyn academaidd 2019-20, roedd ysgolion ar draws y fwrdeistref sirol wedi adrodd am 12 o ddigwyddiadau hiliol. Adroddwyd am ddigwyddiadau gan yr ysgolion a nodir ym mharagraff 4.3 yr adroddiad. Cafwyd dadansoddiad pellach o natur y digwyddiadau yn adrannau dilynol y rhan hon o'r adroddiad, gan gynnwys, unwaith eto, oedrannau'r cyflawnwyr a'r dioddefwyr. Dyna oedd y ffigurau ym mis Mawrth 2020.

Yn nhymor yr Hydref 2019, dywedodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb fod Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cyhoeddi nifer o ffrydiau wedi'u cyllido drwy grant i ymdrin â Throseddau Casineb. Ymhlith y rhain yr oedd prosiect i weithio'n benodol mewn 100 o ysgolion. Nod y prosiect oedd cyflwyno sgiliau meddwl beirniadol a chodi ymwybyddiaeth ynghylch pob agwedd ar Droseddau Casineb mewn ysgolion, gyda ffocws ar Gyfnod Allweddol 3. Y nod yw dechrau'r gwaith hwn ym mlwyddyn academaidd 2019-2020.

Aeth ymlaen i esbonio, yn dilyn cyfres o gyfarfodydd rhwng CLILC, y Cydgysylltwyr Cydlyniant Cymunedol a'r darparwyr a ffafrir ar gyfer cyflwyno prosiectau ar droseddau casineb, fod nifer o ysgolion ym Mhen-y-bont ar Ogwr wedi'u dewis yn seiliedig ar ddadansoddiad o adroddiadau am droseddau casineb yn y gymuned, ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol yn yr ardal a thrafodaethau â swyddogion cyswllt ysgol.

Nodwyd y pum ysgol a ddewiswyd ym mharagraff 4.4.3 yr adroddiad.

Ym mis Ionawr 2020, roedd CLILC hefyd wedi comisiynu Dangos y Cerdyn Coch i Hiliaeth fel partner i gyflwyno'r prosiect i ysgolion a ddewiswyd ledled Cymru.

Cyfeiriodd Aelod at baragraff 4.2.3 yr adroddiad, a gofynnodd pam bod cynifer o ysgolion, yn enwedig rhai oed Cynradd, heb fod yn bresennol yn y tri gweithdy a oedd wedi cael eu trefnu i hyfforddi disgyblion ar faterion fel Troseddau Casineb a bwlio ar sail statws hoyw, deurywiol a thrawsrywiol ac ati.

Cadarnhaodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb y byddai'n ymchwilio i'r cwestiwn yma ac yn rhoi'r newyddion diweddaraf i'r Aelodau naill ai y tu allan i'r cyfarfod neu yng nghyfarfod y Pwyllgor ym mis Hydref.

Nododd Aelod fod data blaenorol wedi dangos bod mwy o achosion o Droseddau Casineb mewn ysgolion Cynradd nag mewn Ysgolion Uwchradd yn y flwyddyn cyn y flwyddyn ddiwethaf, ond bod y duedd honno bellach wedi newid. Teimlai felly y dylai Ysgolion Cynradd o bosib fod wedi derbyn hyfforddiant yn gynharach nag yr oeddent wedi gwneud.

Dywedodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb fod Race Council Cymru yn mynd i roi hyfforddiant pellach i ysgolion ac y byddai'r data perthnasol ar

ganlyniadau'r hyfforddiant hwnnw wedyn yn cael eu rhannu â'r Aelodau yn ei gyfarfod ym mis Mawrth 2021.

Tynnodd Aelod sylw at y ffaith bod angen rhoi hyfforddiant ar faterion sy'n ymwneud â gwahaniaethu ar sail rhyw yn ogystal â Throseddau Casineb ac ati, yn enwedig ymhlith plant iau, cyn i arferion drwg yn gysylltiedig â chydraddoldeb a bwlio ac ati gael cyfle i fagu gwraidd.

Cadarnhaodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb, fod hyfforddiant Meddwl yn Feirniadol wedi'i gynnwys yn yr hyfforddiant a oedd yn cael ei roi ar waith yn yr ysgolion, yn ogystal â'r cynlluniau y manylwyd arnynt yn yr adroddiad.

Teimlai Aelod ei bod hi'n bwysig gweithio gyda theuluoedd a phlant o oed ifanc drwy'r ysgolion, gan addysgu gwerthoedd i'r disgyblion yn gysylltiedig ag osgoi gweithredoedd lle ceir gwahaniaethu. Ychwanegodd ei bod hi hefyd yn bwysig i athrawon a thiwtoriaid ddeall bod ystyr yr iaith a'r ymadroddion a ddefnyddir gan ddisgyblion hefyd y wahanol i'w hystyr yn y gorffennol. Roedd felly angen dehongli'r hyn yr oedd pobl ifanc yn ei ddweud wrth eraill ar adegau, a chanfod gwir ystyr hynny.

Cyfeiriodd y Cadeirydd at baragraff 4.1.7 yr adroddiad, a gyfeiriai at ymyraethau a fyddai'n cael eu gweithredu i rai a fyddai'n ymddwyn yn ddifrïol neu gamdriniol, gan gynnwys Cynllun Cymorth. Gofynnodd i'r Swyddog arweiniol ymhelaethu ar hyn.

Dywedodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb ei bod yn cael gwybod am bob digwyddiad yn yr ysgolion ayb, ac y byddai'r ysgol wedyn yn gweithio gyda'r cyflawnwr a'i rieni/warcheidwad, yr athro o'r Ysgol (lle bo'n briodol) a'r dioddefwr hefyd, er mwyn ceisio canfod beth ddigwyddodd a'r rhesymau wrth wraidd hynny, a datblygu cynllun cymorth unigol. Byddai'r cynllun yn cael ei roi ar waith er mwyn sicrhau na fyddai'r un peth yn digwydd eto. Weithiau bydd y cynllun yn cael ei roi ar waith ar gyfer y cyflawnwr, ond ar adegau, gall effeithio ar y cyflawnwr a'r dioddefwr, y naill a'r llall.

Daeth yr Arweinydd â'r drafodaeth ar yr eitem hon i ben drwy ddweud bod angen ystyried sut i sicrhau yr adroddir am bob digwyddiad y cyfeirir ato yn yr adroddiad. Ychwanegodd fod angen mynd ar drywydd hyfforddiant ar gyfer pob achos o wahaniaethu, yn ogystal â phroblemau'n ymwneud â hiliaeth yn unig.

PENDERFYNWYD: 1) Bod y Pwyllgor wedi derbyn ac ystyried yr adroddiad.

69. <u>DEFNYDDIO'R ENW PICTON MEWN ENWAU STRYDOEDD AC ADEILADAU</u> LEDLED BWRDEISTREF SIROL PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR

Cyflwynodd y Prif Weithredwr adroddiad er mwyn rhoi gwybodaeth i Bwyllgor Cydraddoldeb y Cabinet am y defnydd o'r enw 'Picton' mewn enwau strydoedd ac adeiladau ledled Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr.

I esbonio'r cefndir, dywedodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb fod protestiadau cenedlaethol wedi cael eu cynnal yn rhan o ymgyrch Mae Bywydau Du o Bwys yn dilyn marwolaeth George Floyd yn America. Canlyniad hynny oedd bod amryw o gynghorau'r DU yn cymryd camau i gael gwared â delwau o rai ffigurau hanesyddol. Mae awdurdodau lleol hefyd yn ystyried a allai adeiladau, parciau, caeau chwarae a strydoedd fod yn gysylltiedig ag unigolion sy'n cael eu beirniadu yn rhan o'r protestiadau. Dechreuwyd ymgyrchoedd i gael gwared â chofebau i'r Cadfridog Thomas Picton, gan ganolbwyntio ar ddelw yng Nghaerdydd a chofeb 25 metr o uchder yng Nghaerfyrddin.

Gan fod nifer o strydoedd yn cynnwys yr enw 'Picton' ledled y Fwrdeistref Sirol, mae'r adroddiad yn edrych ar hanes y strydoedd hyn er mwyn ceisio canfod a ydynt yn

gysylltiedig â'r Cadfridog Thomas Picton. Er na fu modd canfod yr union reswm dros gynnwys yr enw mewn enwau strydoedd, dywedodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb fod awgrym yn y gwaith ymchwil o gysylltiadau rhwng y teulu Picton a pherchnogaeth tir ym Mhen-y-bont ar Ogwr.

Ychwanegodd fod gwaith ymchwil cychwynnol yn awgrymu bod dwy ffynhonnell bosibl i'r enw Picton ym mwrdeistref Mhen-y-bont ar Ogwr. Argymhellwyd felly, er mwyn gwirio a sicrhau cywirdeb yr wybodaeth hon, y dylai hanesydd lleol gyflawni gwaith pellach ac y bydd canfyddiadau'r gwaith ymchwil hwnnw'n cael eu hystyried wedi i Lywodraeth Cymru gwblhau ei hadolygiad.

Roedd yr adroddiad yn cynnwys enghreifftiau o nifer o enwau strydoedd ac adeiladau a oedd yn cynnwys yr enw 'Picton', a'r rheiny mewn gwahanol leoliadau yn y Fwrdeistref Sirol.

Wedyn rhoddodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb wybodaeth gyffredinol am Thomas Picton a oedd wedi bod yn Gadfridog â chysylltiadau â chaethwasiaeth yn yr ail ganrif ar bymtheg/y ddeunawfed ganrif.

Er y gallai nifer o strydoedd ac adeiladau yn ardal Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr fod wedi cael eu henwi ar ôl y Cadfridog, esboniai'r adroddiad y gallai rhai strydoedd ac adeiladau fod wedi cael eu henwi ar ôl yr Is-gapten Thomas Picton-Turbeville neu o bosib Richard Picton-Turbeville. Roedd Richard Picton-Turbeville wedi bod yn un o hoelion wyth y Fwrdeistref Sirol yn y gorffennol, ac wedi cyfrannu'n gadarnhaol at waith o fewn y Fwrdeistref (gan gynnwys gwaith elusennol a gwirfoddol).

Nid oedd rhai Aelodau'n fodlon â'r ffaith y gallai enwau strydoedd ac ati gael eu cysylltu ag enw unigolyn neu unigolion a oedd wedi cyflawni gweithredoedd erchyll yn y gorffennol yn erbyn ei gyd-ddynion. Serch hynny, roedd Aelodau eraill yn cydnabod y gwaith y byddai angen ei wneud gyda deiliaid tai yn yr adeiladau/strydoedd hyn er mwyn newid yr enw stryd i enw arall na fyddai'n cyfeirio at yr enw Picton. Byddai enghreifftiau o hyn yn cynnwys newid enw'r stryd ar weithredoedd eiddo, ar gofnodion meddygol, newid trwyddedau gyrru a biliau cyfleustodau ac ati. Pe bai perchnogion tai yn cael eu gorfodi i wneud hyn, gan orfod cytuno i'r newid(iadau), gallent wneud cais am iawndal gan y Cyngor oherwydd y gost a fyddai'n gysylltiedig â hynny.

Yn deillio o'r trafodaethau a gynhaliwyd yn gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad,

PENDERFYNWYD:

- (1) Bod yr Aelodau'n nodi'r adroddiad.
 - (2) Y dylai hanesydd lleol wneud gwaith pellach i ganfod tarddiad yr enw 'Picton' mewn enwau strydoedd/adeiladau yn y Fwrdeistref Sirol, a bod canfyddiadau'r gwaith ymchwil hwnnw'n cael eu hystyried ochr yn ochr â'r archwiliad a fyddai'n cael ei gwblhau gan Lywodraeth Cymru o henebion, delwau ac enwau strydoedd ac adeiladau cyhoeddus yng Nghymru.
 - (3) Disgwyl am adroddiadau cynnydd pellach fel y bo'n briodol.

70. <u>ADRODDIAD CYNLLUN GWEITHREDU'R CYLLUN CYDRADDOLDEB STRATEGOL</u> 2018 - 2019

Cyflwynodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb adroddiad er mwyn rhoi'r newyddion diweddaraf i'r Aelodau am y gwaith a gwblhawyd o fewn Cynllun Cydraddoldeb Strategol (CCS) 2016-2020 ar gyfer y cyfnod 2018-2019.

Roedd yr adroddiad yn cynnwys rhywfaint o wybodaeth gefndir ac ar ôl trafod hynny, esboniodd fod yr Adroddiad Blynyddol (ynghlwm yn Atodiad 1) yn trafod y cyfnod Ebrill 2018 hyd 31 Mawrth 2019.

Yr oedd yn ofynnol ei gyhoeddi ar wefan y Cyngor/ei ddarparu erbyn 1 Ebrill 2020, ond oherwydd effaith COVID-19 roedd y Comisiwn Cydraddoldeb a Hawliau Dynol (EHRC) wedi newid y dyddiad hwn i fis Hydref.

Manylwyd ar y saith amcan cydraddoldeb strategol ar gyfer 2016-2020 ym mharagraff 4.2 yr adroddiad, tra cyfeiriai paragraff 4.3 at rai pwyntiau allweddol ac ymgyrchoedd i'w nodi o'r Adroddiad Blynyddol.

Yna aeth y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb ati i ymhelaethu ar rai o'r ymgyrchoedd hynny er gwybodaeth i'r Aelodau.

Cymeradwyodd y Pwyllgor yr adroddiad a gwaith caled y Swyddogion perthnasol wrth lunio Adroddiad Blynyddol y Cynllun Cydraddoldeb Strategol ar gyfer 2018-2019.

PENDERFYNWYD:

Bod y Pwyllgor yn nodi'r cynnydd sydd wedi'i wneud ac yn cymeradwyo Adroddiad Blynyddol Cynllun Cydraddoldeb Strategol 2018-2019.

71. <u>ADRODDIAD DIWEDDARU AR WEITHREDU MESUR Y GYMRAEG (CYMRU) 2011 A</u> SAFONAU'R GYMRAEG

Cyflwynodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb adroddiad a roddai'r newyddion diweddaraf i'r Pwyllgor ynghylch gweithredu Mesur y Gymraeg (Cymru) 2011 a Safonau'r Gymraeg.

Ers derbyn ei hysbysiad cydymffurfio gan Gomisiynydd y Gymraeg yn 2015, cadarnhaodd fod y Cyngor wedi gwneud cynnydd tuag at weithredu'r 171 o safonau a bennwyd.

Ychwanegodd fod y newyddion diweddaraf am gydymffurfio wedi cael eu cyflwyno ym mhob cyfarfod o'r Pwyllgor ers 28 Ebrill 2016. Cyfeiriwyd at yr adroddiadau hyn fel dogfennau cefndirol i'r adroddiad.

Yna, dywedodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb fod CBSPO wedi dathlu Diwrnod Hawliau'r Gymraeg ar 6 Rhagfyr 2019, drwy rannu postiau ar y cyfryngau cymdeithasol, mewn perthynas â'r eitemau a ddangosir wrth bwyntiau bwled ym mharagraff 4.1 yr adroddiad.

Roedd copi o God Ymarfer Comisiynydd y Gymraeg ar gyfer Rheoliadau Safonau'r Gymraeg 2015, ynghlwm yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg yn Atodiad 1 a 2 yr adroddiad.

Cyfeiriodd gŵyn newydd i sylw'r Aelodau ynghylch cyfieithiad a oedd wedi'i dderbyn drwy'r Comisiynydd ynghylch Cardiau Pleidleisio Etholiadol. Fodd bynnag, roedd y Cyngor wedi anfon ymateb i'r Comisiynydd, gan gadarnhau nad yw'n gyfrifol yn uniongyrchol am gynllun/gyfieithiad y cardiau pleidleisio. Cyfrifoldeb y Swyddog

Cofrestru a'r Swyddog Canlyniadau yw hynny, y mae eu rolau a'u cylch gwaith i'r perwyl hwnnw yn annibynnol ar yr Awdurdod.

Mewn ymateb i gwestiwn gan yr Aelodau, dywedodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb ei bod yn credu ei bod hi'n dal yn ofynnol i'r Swyddogion uchod gydymffurfio â gofynion Safonau'r Gymraeg.

Gofynnodd yr Arweinydd i'r Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb wirio bod hynny'n wir, yn hytrach na bod y Comisiwn Etholiadol yn gyfrifol am gynllun a chynhyrchu'r cardiau pleidleisio hynny'n ddwyieithog, mewn pryd ar gyfer cyfarfod Pwyllgor mis Hydref.

Nododd Aelod, ym mharagraff 8.1 yr adroddiad, mai ond £4k o gyfanswm cyllideb o £324,649 ar gyfer cyfieithu i'r Gymraeg, a oedd wedi cael ei wario hyd hynny yn 2019-20. Gofynnodd pam bod y gwariant hwn mor isel o gymharu â'r gyllideb a neilltuwyd ar gyfer hynny.

Cadarnhaodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb fod y rhan fwyaf o'r gyllideb hon yn tarddu o wariant yn gysylltiedig â chostau cyfieithu a ddeuai o dan y gyllideb gorfforaethol, yn hytrach na'r rhai a ddyrannwyd fesul Cyfarwyddiaeth. Serch hynny, ychwanegodd y byddai'n ceisio cael rhagor o wybodaeth am hyn ac yn adrodd yr wybodaeth honno'n ôl i'r Aelodau.

PENDERFYNWYD:

- (1) Bod y Pwyllgor wedi derbyn ac ystyried yr adroddiad.
- (2) Bod gwybodaeth bellach yn cael ei rhannu â'r Aelodau am lefelau gwariant ar y Gymraeg fesul Cyfarwyddiaeth, o gymharu â'r hyn a gaiff ei wario yn nyraniad cyllideb corfforaethol ehangach y Cyngor.

72. ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL SAFONAU'R GYMRAEG 2019-2020

Cyflwynodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb adroddiad, a ddisgrifiai'r cynnwys a'r ymagwedd a fabwysiadwyd mewn perthynas â phumed Adroddiad Blynyddol y Cyngor ar Safonau'r Gymraeg ar gyfer 2019-2020.

Esboniodd fod Safonau'r Gymraeg yn rhoi hawliau gwell a gorfodadwy mewn perthynas â'r Gymraeg i siaradwyr Cymraeg. Derbyniodd y Cyngor ei hysbysiad cydymffurfio terfynol ar 30 Medi 2015, a amlinellai 171 o safonau yr oedd angen cydymffurfio â hwy.

Roedd yr adroddiad yn cadarnhau ei bod yn ofynnol yn ôl Safonau 158, 164 a 170 i'r Awdurdod Iunio a chyhoeddi adroddiad blynyddol, yn Gymraeg, erbyn 30 Mehefin bob blwyddyn.

Roedd adroddiad blynyddol y Cyngor ar Safonau'r Gymraeg 2019-2020 yn trafod y cyfnod 1 Ebrill 2019 hyd 31 Mawrth 2020, ac fe'i cyhoeddwyd yn unol â'r gofyniad erbyn 30 Mehefin 2020. Roedd yr adroddiad ynghlwm yn Atodiad un a dau yr adroddiad, yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg, yn y drefn honno.

Amlinellai'r adroddiad y modd yr oedd y Cyngor wedi cydymffurfio â'r safonau yr oedd dyletswydd iddo gydymffurfio â hwy dros y cyfnod. Yr oedd hefyd yn nodi unrhyw gynnydd a datblygiadau newydd o ran cydymffurfio.

Yn rhan o'r adroddiad blynyddol, yr oedd hi'n ddyletswydd i'r awdurdod lleol adrodd yr wybodaeth ganlynol yn benodol:

- nifer y cwynion a gafwyd gan y cyngor dros y cyfnod;
- nifer y gweithwyr a ddatgelodd sgiliau Cymraeg ar 31 Mawrth 2020;
- nifer y gweithwyr a aeth ar gyrsiau hyfforddi a gynigiwyd yn Gymraeg dros y cyfnod;
- nifer y swyddi newydd a gwag a hysbysebwyd yn ystod y cyfnod a oedd yn y categorïau:
 - Sgiliau Cymraeg yn hanfodol;
 - Sgiliau Cymraeg yn ddymunol.
- Yn ogystal â'r wybodaeth a nodwyd yn adran 4.2 rydym hefyd wedi cynnwys y newyddion diweddaraf am Asesiadau Effaith Cydraddoldeb, cysylltiadau gan gwsmeriaid a'n gweithgareddau hyrwyddo.

Diolchodd Aelod i'r Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb a'i chydweithwyr agos am y gwaith caled a gyflawnwyd ar gyfer Adroddiad Blynyddol 2019-2020, gan ychwanegu ei bod hi'n amlwg bod yr Awdurdod yn gwneud cynnydd sylweddol o'r naill flwyddyn i'r nesaf o ran cydymffurfio â darpariaethau Safonau'r Gymraeg.

Adleisiodd y Cadeirydd y teimladau hyn, gan ychwanegu bod y Safonau bellach wedi'u hymwreiddio ar draws yr holl feysydd gwasanaeth a ddarperir gan y Cyngor, mewn rhyw fodd neu'i gilydd.

PENDERFYNWYD:

- (1) Bod y Pwyllgor yn derbyn ac yn nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad ac Adroddiad Blynyddol Safonau'r Gymraeg 2019-2020.
 - (2) Ar y cyd ag Adroddiad y Gweithlu 2019/20 sydd i'w ystyried yng nghyfarfod Cydraddoldeb Pwyllgorau'r Cabinet ym mis Hydref, y dylid rhannu gwybodaeth â'r Aelodau hefyd am y meini prawf a ddefnyddir i asesu sgiliau Cymraeg ar gyfer swyddi gwag yn rhan o broses recriwtio'r Cyngor. Gofynnodd yr Aelodau am hyn yn y cyfarfod.

73. RHAGLEN GWAITH 2020 - 2021

Cyflwynodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb adroddiad a ofynnai am gymeradwyaeth y Pwyllgor ar gyfer Blaenraglen Waith a gynigiwyd ar gyfer 2020-2021.

Yn Atodiad 1 yr adroddiad, cynigiwyd eitemau busnes rheolaidd y Pwyllgor a materion cydraddoldeb allweddol i'w hystyried o fis Mawrth 2020 hyd fis Mawrth 2021.

Roedd y cynnig yn seiliedig ar:

- yr amcanion cydraddoldeb strategol yng Nghynllun Cydraddoldeb Strategol 2016-2020, fel gwella cysylltiadau cymunedol yn y fwrdeistref sirol:
- yr ymgynghoriad ar amcanion drafft Cynllun Cydraddoldeb Strategol 2020-2024;
- gwaith parhaus i fonitro gweithrediad Safonau'r Gymraeg, gan gynnwys rhoi'r newyddion diweddaraf am ddatblygiadau mewn gwasanaethau;
- awgrymiadau gan y pwyllgor;

- materion cydraddoldeb lleol a chenedlaethol;
- sefydlu trefniadau adrodd ar gyfer Safonau'r Gymraeg a'r Cynllun Cydraddoldeb Strategol;
- ystyriaeth o flaenoriaethau eraill y cyngor ac adroddiadau allanol.

Pwysleisiodd y Rheolwr Ymgynghori, Ymgysylltu a Chydraddoldeb y byddai'r agenda ar gyfer y pedwar cyfarfod nesaf a drefnwyd ar gyfer Pwyllgor Cydraddoldeb y Cabinet yn cynnwys y Prif Eitemau a'r eitemau Busnes arfaethedig fel y dangosir yn y Flaenraglen Waith, h.y. Atodiad 1 yr adroddiad.

Yn dilyn trafodaethau a gafwyd rhwng yr Aelodau a'r Swyddogion,

PENDERFYNWYD:

Bod y Pwyllgor yn cymeradwyo'r Flaenraglen Waith 2020-21 a oedd ynghlwm wrth yr adroddiad, yn amodol ar y canlynol:-

- Bod cynllun gweithredu drafft Cynllun Cydraddoldeb Strategol 2020-2024 yn cael ei rannu â'r Pwyllgor, cyn cael ei gyflwyno gerbron y Cabinet yn ei gyfarfod ym mis Medi 2020.
- Bod adroddiadau pellach yn cael eu cyflwyno am eitem 2 ar Agenda cyfarfod heddiw, o dan y teitl 'Defnyddio'r enw Picton yn Enwau Strydoedd ac Adeiladau ar hyd a lled Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr', fel bo'n briodol.
- Bod eitem arall yn cael ei hychwanegu at y Flaenraglen Waith ar gyfer cyfarfod Tachwedd 2020, o dan y teitl "Effaith Covid-19 a'r cyfyngiadau symud ar bobl â chyfrifoldebau gofalu"
- Bod eitem arall yn cael ei hychwanegu at y Flaenraglen Waith ar gyfer cyfarfod Mawrth 2021, o dan y teitl "Y Diweddaraf am Waith Cydraddoldeb mewn Ysgolion".

74. MATERION BRYS

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Agenda Item 4

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET COMMITTEE - EQUALITIES

7 OCTOBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ANNUAL REPORT ON EQUALITY IN THE WORKFORCE (2019/20)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet Equalities Committee with a summary of the equality profile of the council's workforce as at 31 March 2020 and information about the requirement for Welsh language skills for vacant posts.
- 2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives/other corporate priorities
- 2.1 This report will assist in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:

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 The provision of relevant and accurate workforce information enables the council to meet its statutory duties and obligations in relation to the Equality Act 2010, the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Welsh Language Standards; and aids decision making.

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1 Workforce data

- 4.1.1 Appendix 1 provides an equality profile of the council's workforce as at 31 March 2020, with comparative data from previous years.
- 4.1.2 The profile includes protective characteristics of the workforce (gender, disability, ethnicity, age and sexual orientation); numbers of employees with caring responsibilities and those who have Welsh language skills.
- 4.1.3 There is a full data set available on gender and age, however, it is not mandatory for employees to disclose their sensitive personal information for equality monitoring purposes.
 Work is ongoing and planned to encourage employees to provide and/or update such details.

4.2 Welsh Language Skills for Vacant posts

4.2.1 At its meeting on 24 August 2020, in considering the Welsh language Annual Report, committee requested information on the criteria used for assessing Welsh language skills for vacant positions as part of the council's recruitment process.

- 4.2.2 When a vacancy arises, managers must undertake an assessment of the Welsh language skills required by considering the duties and responsibilities of the individual post as well as that of the team. In relation to the post, the criteria covers: contact with the public and the expectation to be able to communicate in both English and Welsh, the extent of contact with Welsh speakers; and the need to undertake internal administration in English and Welsh. From a team perspective whether another officer is available who can provide a Welsh language service
- 4.2.3 This information is collected in the Vacancy Management form which will is held and recorded in HR. These details are included in the Annual Monitoring Report.
- 4.2.4 In order to increase the number of Welsh speaking employees and improve the Welsh language service provided by the council, the current Policy on Using Welsh Language in the Workplace, sets out that all posts will be advertised with Welsh as desirable, unless the assessment identifies Welsh is essential.
- 4.2.5 These arrangements have been reviewed internally and recommendations are being developed. These will now be considered alongside the results of the Welsh Language Commissioner's 2019-20 monitoring work, which covered recruitment. At the time of drafting this report the findings were being analysed.

5. Effect upon policy framework & procedure rules

5.1 The report has no direct effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 This is an information report. As such, no EIA is required.

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

7.1 This is an information report, therefore a Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015) assessment has not taken place in order to prepare this report.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications in this report. Any future proposals will include full cost and budgetary implications.

9. Recommendation

9.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Committee Equalities note the information contained in this report.

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Background papers: None

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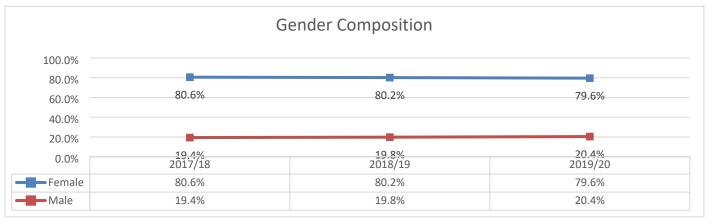
Workforce Equality Monitoring As at 31/03/2020

1. Gender

Description
BCBC Headcount
Percentage

BCBC excluding Schools		
Male	Female	Total
680	2351	3031
22.4%	77.6%	

Schools		
Male	Female	Total
517	2494	3011
17.2%	82.8%	



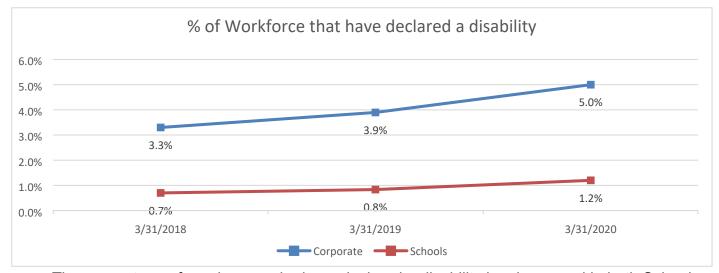
- The gender composition has remained consistent over the last 3 years.
- Bridgend continues to have a higher percentage of female employees than other Welsh LAs.

2. Disability

Disability Declare	ed
31/03/2020	
31/03/2019	
31/03/2018	
31/03/2017	

BCBC excluding Schools			
Male	Female	Total	%
50	101	151	5.0%
43	72	115	3.9%
32	69	101	3.3%
32	63	95	3.0%

Schools			
Male	Female	Total	%
5	31	36	1.2%
4	21	25	0.8%
6	17	23	0.7%
6	12	18	0.5%



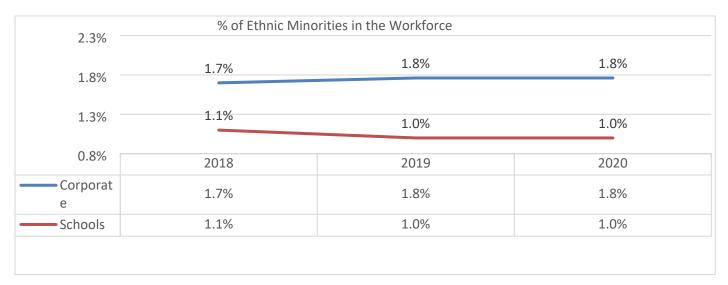
- The percentage of employees who have declared a disability has increased in both Schools and Corporate workforce in each of the last 3 years.
- We do not have a declared disability status for 21.4% of the workforce as at 31.03.2020.

3. Ethnicity

Ethnic Minority	
31/03/2020	
31/03/2019	
31/03/2018	
31/03/2017	

BCBC excluding Schools			
Male	Female	Total	%
12	42	54	1.8%
7	45	52	1.8%
6	48	54	1.7%
7	42	49	1.6%

Schools			
Male	Female	Total	%
2	29	31	1.0%
3	27	30	1.0%
6	28	34	1.1%
6	27	33	1.0%



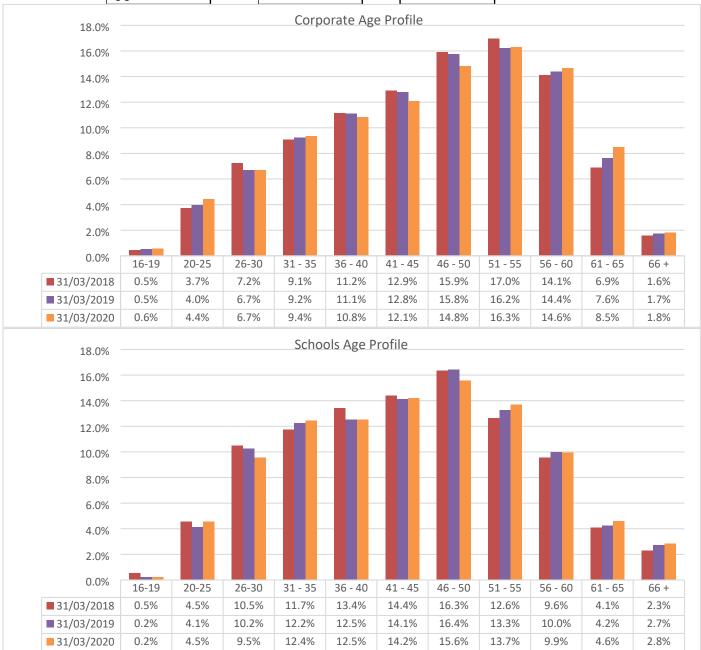
- The percentage of BAME employees has remained stable over the last 12 months having increased slightly in each of the preceding 3 years.
- 1% of the Schools workforce is BAME, which has remained consistent over the 4 year period.
- For context, the latest population estimates from ONS (June 2020) indicate that 3.2% of county borough residents are from a BAME background.

4. Age

Age Profile
16-19
20-25
26-30
31 - 35
36 - 40
41 - 45
46 - 50
51 - 55
56 - 60
61 - 65
66 +

BCBC (exc. Schools)
0.6%
4.4%
6.7%
9.4%
10.8%
12.1%
14.8%
16.3%
14.6%
8.5%
1.8%

Schools
0.2%
4.5%
9.5%
12.4%
12.5%
14.2%
15.6%
13.7%
9.9%
4.6%
2.8%



The corporate workforce has a slightly older age profile than the school workforce.

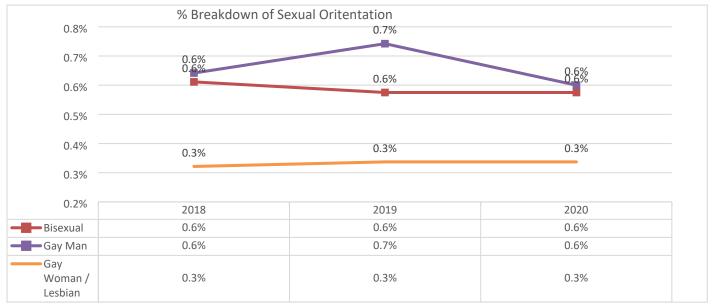
 In both workforces, the number of staff aged 60 years old and above has increased in each of the last 3 years.

5. Sexual Orientation

Description		
Bisexual		
Gay Man		
Gay Woman / Lesbian		

BCBC excluding Schools					
Male	Female	Total	%		
4	15	19	0.6%		
17	0	17	0.6%		
0	9	9	0.3%		

Schools					
Male Female Total %					
0	4	4	0.1%		
7	0	7	0.2%		
0	5	5	0.1%		



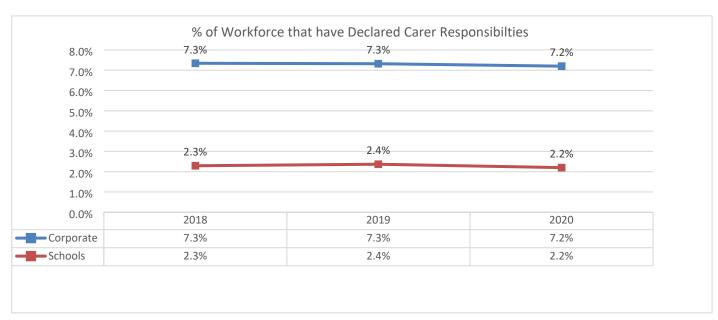
 The percentage of staff who have declared themselves either Bisexual or Gay Man/Woman/Lesbian has remained consistent in the last 3 years.

6. Caring Responsibilities

Description
Carer Responsibility Declared

BCBC excluding Schools					
Male	Female	Total	%		
29	190	219	7.2%		

Schools					
Male	Female	Total	%		
6	60	66	2.2%		



•	The percentage of employees declaring caring responsibilities has decreased slightly in both corporate and school workforce over the last 12 months. However, 20% of staff completing the corporate staff survey in 2020 stated they are a carer.

7. Welsh Language

	BCBC excluding Schools			Scho	ols			
Description	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%
Welsh Speaker								
'A little'	103	341	444	14.6%	64	345	409	13.6%
'Fairly Good'	7	40	47	1.6%	14	73	87	2.9%
'Fluent'	24	98	122	4.0%	18	135	153	5.1%
Welsh Reader								
'A little'	114	368	482	15.9%	62	354	416	13.8%
'Fairly Good'	16	54	70	2.3%	15	82	97	3.2%
'Fluent'	22	97	119	3.9%	19	135	154	5.1%
Welsh Writer								
'A little'	72	295	367	12.1%	54	318	372	12.3%
'Fairly Good'	13	48	61	2.0%	16	74	90	3.0%
'Fluent'	19	84	103	3.4%	17	125	142	4.7%

• There has been an increase in the percentage of staff who have declared a level of Welsh language skills across all aspects of language understanding. This increase is largest in the category of staff who have declared 'a little' standard of Welsh language understanding across the 3 categories.

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES

7 OCTOBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING

EQUALITIES WORK SUPPORTED BY THE WELLBEING SERVICE INCLUDING THE GIRLS NETWORK, DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SWIMMING AND OLYMPAGE GAMES

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide information on the programmes of work of the prevention and wellbeing service and the related contribution to the BCBC strategic equalities plan.
- 2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives/other corporate priorities
- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective/objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. **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 The Prevention and Wellbeing service was established as a new provision within the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate in 2017 and is responsible for a diverse range of services that have grown over the three year period.
- 3.2 The services and activities include:-
 - Healthy Living Partnership management with Halo Leisure;
 - Cultural services partnership management with Awen including libraries, theatres, community venues;
 - Active Bridgend services including the Active Young People's team and community wellbeing programmes;

- Play and early years development with a specific focus on children and young people with additional needs;
- Operation of dual use sports facilities supporting community access to school based assets;
- Ageing Well plan for Bridgend and developing age friendly communities as part of the older persons strategy;
- Local community coordination and community support programmes;
- Partnership working with BAVO and the third sector as part of the 'Building Resilient Communities' approach;
- Carers support and development of carer wellbeing opportunities;
- Community Centres and support for voluntary management committees.
- 3.3 There has been a unique opportunity for the management of a range of community assets within the directorate which has provided a focus on developing programmes with partners that can :
 - Meet health and wellbeing needs in a community setting;
 - Engage those with a protected characteristic;
 - Support those most vulnerable people in our communities.

The positioning of these services recognises the importance of connecting 'place based' services and 'person centred' services together where achievable and beneficial.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 The Prevention and Wellbeing service has conducted an internal review of progress made during 2019-20 and collated the information in a format that can increase awareness of what is being achieved within the Directorate and broader Council, with a number of areas of work being cross cutting.
- 4.2 A series of extracts from the larger report are included as appendices to further illustrate some of the work that has taken place during the year. There are 6 appendices providing examples of the work that is taking place within the service included as supporting information.
- 4.3 This report includes headline information on programmes and services that are contributing to the public sector equalities duty and the strategic equalities objectives and action plan. The service holds additional performance information beyond this headline data on what individual programmes have achieved and progress to date. The service aims to capture learning and insight on new programmes and developments to further develop the prevention and wellbeing agenda. The following paragraphs provide examples of the work that the prevention and wellbeing service is developing.
- 4.4 The 'Our Voice' programme was developed to capture the views of young people on wellbeing and to work in partnership with schools and communities to develop action plans. For example, at one school, investment was secured to develop a 2 year

gender equality project linked to issues identified by young people. This programme, called 'Champions of Wales', has seen pupils selected via peer nomination to provide leadership on understanding girls' rights and gender equality. The programme has upskilled the young people who will further research and campaign for the rights of young people and change within communities.

- 4.5 The "Girls Network" is operating in partnership with six secondary schools with a focus on improving health and wellbeing. The groups conduct research and analyse needs prior to developing supportive opportunities. An evidence file approach was introduced in February 2020 including tools to measure and evidence impact of the network. Over the next year there are plans to move the Girls Network onto a digital platform. The network is supported by an Education and Girls strategic group that meets at 6 monthly intervals to review and evaluate development plans and progress. Further information can be found on this programme in **Appendix 1.**
- The service works in partnership with primary and secondary schools to use extracurricular activity to develop active and healthy lifestyles. Primary schools across Bridgend provided 1,950 opportunities engaging 2,895 boys and 2,568 girls (of those, 809 were eligible for free school meals, 357 have additional learning needs and 98 young people are 'looked after'). At secondary school there were 2,812 opportunities engaging 1,220 boys and 1,508 girls (438 were eligible for free school meals, 384 had additional learning needs and 138 young people are looked after). There are other programmes that indicate a growing focus on looked after children and young carers also within the annual report. During the year, 19 school delegates were supported to attend a Teacher Disability Inclusive Training (DIT) course. The service supports schools to develop their wellbeing plans and further information can be found in **Appendix 2**.
- 4.7 The service supports a partnership with the Urdd to ensure welsh medium opportunities are available via a development officer and apprenticeship role. There were 549 children and young people participating weekly and 57% of weekly attendances are female. The Urdd reported 12 new and developed clubs for females.
- 4.8 The Prevention and Wellbeing service coordinates an extensive leadership pathway aimed at building skills, knowledge and employability. An alternative pathway has been developed to support more vulnerable young people and 24 young people are engaged in this. There is also an ambassador programme who look at tackling issues within their own schools. At one school, the Oasis project is supporting extracurricular opportunities for pupils with special educational needs.
- 4.9 The service leads on the Ageing Well plan for Bridgend and the development of 'age friendly' communities and where there are appropriate intergenerational opportunities. The Ageing Well Plan for Bridgend has focused on falls prevention, dementia supportive communities, combatting loneliness and isolation and skills/employability. An Ageing Well web platform is operated and 4,000 Ageing Well calendars were produced in January 2020. New themes emerging via the Older Persons Commissioner include ending ageism (including discrimination) and

- improving access to services, stopping abuse of older people and enabling everyone to age well.
- 4.10 Local Community Coordination has taken place in the North of Bridgend supported by Legacy Funding with 150 people supported through information and advice, food banks, transport, dealing with loneliness, mental health, caring responsibilities, disability and cognitive impairment. There is strong working with BAVO and the third sector linked to the Transformation agenda and the Integrated Care investment through collaborative working with community navigators.
- 4.11 There is a growing focus on digital exclusion and those impacted. Work has commenced with Wales Cooperative Centre on developing a 'care to cooperate' programme that targets support for 200 vulnerable people and carers to build skills and connections. Aligned to this, the service is developing a "community information champions" programme with organisations and volunteers to support information sharing with those who are not digitally connected.
- 4.12 Developing dementia supportive communities is a strategic objective of the Ageing Well Plan for Wales. The service coordinated a series of training programmes with over 150 attendees including 'Re-Live' experiential training, dementia awareness and first steps in dementia for activity providers. The earlier work on creating 'dementia friendly swimming' has evolved into the 'Feel Good for Life' programme with partners including Halo leisure, Awen, BAVO and Alzheimers Society. During 2019 -20 there were 87 individuals and carers supported through this programme that received a national award from UK Active. Further information on the Feel Good for Life programme is included as **Appendix 3.**
- 4.13 There has been a growth in social prescribing work using cultural activities with Awen that have supported older adults, young people with disabilities and carers. Examples would include the 'Same As' advocacy project with parent carers, the 'Off Duty' carers choir programme, 'Cultural Olympage' programmes focused on reminiscence and the 'creative at home' resources and digital communication platform 'Stronger Together Bridgend'. Further information is provided as **Appendix 4.**
- 4.14 The Olympage programme was launched in Bridgend in 2017 to support older adults to have more socialisation opportunities and to live active and healthy lives. The model developed has seen group activity and local or county events established with partners including care homes, community centres and leisure centres. In 2019 the Prevention and Wellbeing service was successful in securing 400k of investment via the Healthy and Active Fund to develop a regional approach across the Healthy Board footprint.
- 4.15 The subsequent 'Super Agers' programme has been established across Bridgend, RCT and Merthyr. The programme has been identified as a Bevan exemplar. A review of the programme and approach will be required based on regulations during 2020/21. Further information can be found at **Appendix 5**.

- 4.16 Super Agers has the potential to become an early intervention programme prior to the National Exercise Referral Scheme for older adults, people with disabilities and those living with chronic conditions (e.g. cardiac, falls, stroke, cancer). There have been over 2,000 referrals to the scheme during 2019-20.
- 4.17 The approach of working with community owned networks goes beyond the Girls Network identified earlier in the report. During 2019-20 an additional network, Bridgend Inclusive Network Group (BING), has been co-produced and also 'Together for Young People in Bridgend' as a network for youth organisations.
- 4.18 The service leads on the play sufficiency duty for BCBC including assessment and action planning for the range of statutory matters. The assessment framework identifies a range of targeted population groups needing specific consideration. An example of the play and activity pods project is included as **Appendix 6**.
- 4.19 The Council has supported 39 children with disabilities with after school club play opportunities and circa 50 children with school holiday opportunities for young people referred by social workers.
- 4.20 A total of 7,670 visits were recorded to Active for Life programmes in Summer 2019 with inclusive opportunities and 309 children were engaged on what was important to them in their communities.

5. Effect upon policy framework& procedure rules

5.1 The report has no direct effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules but it enables us to effectively contribute to the Council's statutory duties in relation to equalities and human rights.

6. Equalities Impact Assessment

6.1 The report provides the Committee with information that positively assists in the delivery of the Authority's equality duties.

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

- 7.1 The implementation of the duties and responsibilities under the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWBA) supports the promotion of two of the seven goals of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 within the County Borough of Bridgend. By promoting an environment that maximises people's physical and mental wellbeing and by supporting children, young people, adults and their carers and families to fulfil their potential no matter what their circumstances, the wellbeing goals of a healthier and more equal Bridgend and Wales are supported.
- 7.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with five ways of working to guide how the Authority should work to deliver wellbeing outcomes for people. The following is a summary to show how the five ways of working to achieve the wellbeing goals have been considered in this report:

- Long Term the programmes recognise short term needs but focus on developing longer term resilience in people and communities;
- Prevention the programmes focus on positive physical and mental wellbeing intervention as a prerequisite to good health. The focus is on tackling issues early and supporting people to identify what a good life looks like for them;
- Integration working with people, organisations and communities to support wellbeing and prevent needs escalating impacts on health, public health, education and social care;
- Collaboration the programmes are cross cutting within the Council and reliant on stakeholder engagement and collaborative working particularly cross sector;
- Involvement the programmes are based on co-production and asset based community development to create community ownership of opportunities created.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report. A large number of the programmes referenced are supported by external funding, including Welsh Government, Sport Wales, and Disability Sport Wales grants. The list of external funding during the period 2019/20 can be found at **Appendix 7**. There is an ongoing challenge of embedding programmes that are effective within core approaches and developing sustainable models with partners for the medium to longer term.

9. Recommendation.

9.1 That the Cabinet Committee Equalities receives and considers this report.

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Background documents

NONE

Girls Network

https://vimeo.com/showcase/7278740/video/260227232 password bcbc Nantymoel Primary School

"The girls are more confident to speak up in front of others and share their ideas and opinions. In recent moderation sessions this year's Year 6 girls were able to use their debating skills (oracy) to help raise their English marks".





KESS

Amie Richards

The KESS Bridge-Linx project started in October 2018 and has since benefitted over 500 pupils across numerous primary schools in the borough. The children have the opportunity to take part in a fitness fun day where they challenge themselves to achieve their best in a number of activities. They attend the local college for a few hours where they have the opportunity to engage with college students who also benefit from the experience. The feedback from schools about the fitness report they receive is that it helps children engage with the importance of fitness. They also complete an online survey about their health, wellbeing and lifestyle behaviours from which they can also analyse the report and school councils have found ways to improve the health and wellbeing of the children in their school."

Your HAPPEN Survey Report





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Feel Good For Life

Halo Dementia Swimming

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtAZcIYvmgg

Originally developed as a Dementia Friendly swimming opportunity the feel Good for Life programme BAVO and the Alzheimer's Society. The programme aims to remove barriers to leisure services and to support people to 'live well with dementia'.

The programme has been supported by BCBC and healthy board pilot support and has subsequently secured investment from Big Lottery Fund. The programme now offers an expanded range of physical and social activities and participants including carers reflect on their wellbeing at 3 monthly intervals. Participants are leading more active lives and some improvement in memory decline is described by families, increasing the likelihood of participants continuing to live well within their own communities and maintain independence.

The programme has been described by Quest UK as "a very high quality programme and an example of best practice". The programme has developed a range of volunteer opportunities to support sustainability and was successful in achieving the UK Active award for sustaining physical activity.





Social Prescribing

There is a growing focus on the use of social prescribing to improve wellbeing and BCBC has been working with Awen to use cultural activities to engage and support people.

The 'Same As' programme has worked with children and young people and their households to capture their hopes and aspirations and the barriers that they face to create the lives they would like to see. A digital story has been produced and also a podcast on behalf of parent carers as part of the 'Take Care' podcast series.

Building on the physical activity opportunities that 'Olympage' and 'Super Agers' have been creating, Awen have supported the creation of a cultural Olympage programme for older adults including creative writing, poetry, music and reminiscence.

It has also proven possible to support targeted group activities such as the Bridgend Carers Choir 'Off Duty' who produced the song "Strong".

This approach helps people to build on strengths and interests and maintain contact with their communities





'Same As' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnoMmQ298aA
Wonderful World https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7VEHMrf4IY
Musical Roots https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZkgz1vR2Rs
Carers Choir Strong Song https://youtu.be/2mnJsX6OzLA
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Super Agers

Supported by the Healthy and Active Fund BCBC has been building on its learning from the Olympage programmes to develop new approaches to being active with older adults. There is a focus on working with partners and older adults themselves to develop new opportunities in community settings and to lead activities. The achievements to March 2020 include:-

- Recruitment of the Super Agers project delivery team across Cwm Taf Morgannwg
- Development of participant resources for goal setting, activity tracking, data capture and participant reflection
- Workshops conducted with Bridgend College Social care students who support activities with older adults including the Olympage programme (70 students)
- Partnership with Swansea University Exercise Science and Centre for Innovative Ageing to support project evaluation
- Achievement of Bevan Exemplar project status for innovation in social care
- Mobilisation of project delivery in initial four hubs across CTM (24 participants in initial hub pilot activities)
- Development of 'Active at Home' resources alongside home activity tracker distributed to 124 participants. https://youtu.be/2mnJsX6OzLA
- Engagements of 239 participants in Olympage community programme for Super Agers launch

Super Agers Launch

https://vimeo.com/377796219



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Intergenerational Event Ogmore Valley

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Password = Olympage



Activity Pod

https://vimeo.com/showcase/7278740/video/389209377 password bcbc https://vimeo.com/showcase/7278740/video/260229282 password bcbc Bryncethin primary school staff following comments on pupil engagement:-

"I noticed that the pupils were happier and playing with children other than the ones they wouldn't normally play with. There was good turn taking and it was lovely to see them communicating and the role play they showed was amazing."

"The range of resources ensure that activities are not limited. There is a wealth of problem solving and social interaction that can be gained from using the pod"

"The children from Year 3 really enjoy building dens, filling containers with water and making assault courses"

"It was great to see the collaborative learning that took place. All were engaged and on task during all activities"

Nantymoel Primary School — "The skills they've gained from using the pod are tremendous and I think having the activity pod has opened our eyes to the fact that it wasn't just something that was needed at playtime, but that it was something that we could use in curriculum lessons"









Appendix 7

External Funding for 2019-2020

Name of Funding	Funding Body	£
NERS	Public Health Wales	186,120
All Wales Play Grant	Welsh Govt	5,000
Street Games	Street Games	6,875
Disability Sports Wales	Sports Wales	21,569
Healthy Active Super Agers	Sports Council Wales	160,000
Holiday Hunger	Welsh Govt	5,000
Pulmonary Rehab	Public Health Wales	31,797
LAPA 5 x 60	Sports Wales	207,100
LAPA Free Swim	Sports Wales	148,200
LAPA Sport	Sports Wales	67,500
Community Chest	Sports Wales	2,900
Equalities Champions of		
Wales	Plan International UK	42,900
Legacy LCC	Welsh Govt	150,000
Legacy Prevention &		
Wellbeing	Welsh Govt	76,000



BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES

7 OCTOBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

USE OF THE NAME PICTON IN STREET NAMES AND BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH – UPDATE REPORT

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet Committee Equalities with information on the use of the name Picton in street names and buildings across Bridgend County Borough.

- 2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities
- 2.1 The Strategic Equality Plan sets out our objectives to comply with the Equality Act 2012 and the Public Sector Equality Duty general duties:
 - Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - Advance equality of opportunity and;
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 2.2 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective/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 The Equality Act introduced a General Duty for public bodies to:
 - Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - Advance equality of opportunity and;
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 3.2 The Equality Act also introduced specific duties which include:
 - Setting Equality Objectives and publishing a Strategic Equality Plan;
 - Ensuring it engages with people who have an interest in how the Council's decisions affect them and;
 - Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments and publishing the results if there is a substantial impact on the Council's identified.
- 3.3 An initial report was presented to Cabinet Committee Equalities on 24 August 2020, which recommended that further research be undertaken by a local historian. The report also recommended that Cabinet Committee Equalities await the outcome of the Welsh Government audit of Wales' historic monuments and statues, and the names of streets and public buildings before further consideration is given to action needed within the county borough.
- 3.4 This report outlines progress made since the last report.
- 4. Current situation / proposal.

4.1 Streets named 'Picton' in Bridgend County Borough

Bridgend:

Street name	Number of properties
Picton Gardens	61
Picton Avenue	9
Picton Close	9

Porthcawl:

Street name	Number of properties
Picton Avenue	48
Middleton Court, Picton Avenue	60

Kenfig Hill:

Street name	Number of properties
Picton Street	39

Nantyffyllon:

Street name	Number of properties
Picton Place	18
Picton Street	116

- 4.2 We are currently working with the following organisations to establish capabilities to carry out further research:
 - The Royal Commission
 - Glamorgan Archives
 - Two independent historians
- 4.3 Welsh Government have commissioned an audit of Wales' historic monuments and statues, and the names of streets and public buildings, and identify those sites and names that are associated with the history of black communities in Wales, and in particular the slave trade.

Two meetings have been held and the group aim to present the audit and accompanying narrative report to the First Minister by the end of October 2020. This report will be used to inform a second stage of the project that will identify appropriate responses to the information gathered by the audit. Welsh Government will appoint a task and finish group to carry out the second stage of this work.

4.4 Carmarthenshire County Borough Council have published a Public Memorials Consultation. The survey asks for views and comments, in particular on the monument to General Thomas Picton in Carmarthen Town.

The survey asks (extracted from survey):

Do you think Carmarthenshire County Council (and key partners) need to take any steps in response to the recent public discussion about the Sir Thomas Picton monument?

If respondents answer Yes, they are then asked 'What steps do you think should be taken?'

If respondents answer No, they are then asked 'What comments do you wish us to consider?'

The consultation period is 21 August to 30 September 2020.

- 5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules
- 5.1 The report has no direct effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules but supports the council's statutory duties in relation to equalities and human rights.
- 6. Equality Impact Assessment
- 6.1 This is an information report to Cabinet Committee Equalities therefore an Equality Impact Assessment is not required at this stage. Further consideration may be given following the outcome of the Welsh Government audit of Wales' historic monuments and statues, and the names of streets and public buildings.

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

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report. Further consideration may be given following the outcome of the Welsh Government audit of Wales' historic monuments and statues, and the names of streets and public buildings.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There would be significant financial implications for the local authority and residents associated with changing street names which would include changes to street signage, legal fees and consultation costs. The exact costs would be unknown until the extent of any changes are determined.

9. Recommendation

9.1 That Cabinet considers the update report and awaits research from a local historian and the outcome of the Welsh Government audit before further consideration be given to actions that may need to be taken within Bridgend County Borough.

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Use of the name Picton in street names and buildings throughout Bridgend County Borough – 24 August 2020

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES

7 OCTOBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS - ANNUAL REVIEW 2019/2020

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with an annual update on the council's requirement to undertake Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs), an overview of the council's approach to EIAs and an outline of EIAs undertaken in Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) service areas in 2019/20.
- 2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities
- 2.1 The Equality Act 2010 sets out both general and specific duties for local authorities in Wales one of which relates to assessing the impact of policies and practices.
- 2.2 Undertaking EIAs assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations** (Wales) Act 2015:
 - 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.

Smarter use of resources – ensuring 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 deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Equality Act 2010 sets out a general duty that, as a public body in Wales, BCBC is required to have due regard in its decision making processes (including financial decisions) to three factors:
 - > To eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - > To advance equality of opportunity, and;

- > To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 3.2 Reports on assessments must set out in particular:
 - the purpose of the policy or practice that is being assessed;
 - > a summary of the steps taken to carry out the assessment, including consultation and engagement;
 - a summary of the information used in the assessment;
 - results, and any decisions taken in relation to those results.
- 3.3 In addition, when assessing the impact on protected characteristic groups, listed authorities must:
 - > comply with the engagement provisions;
 - have due regard to any relevant information held.

4. Current situation

EIAs - an overview

- 4.1 The EIA is a tool to assess whether new (or changes to existing) policies/services/functions, or the removal of services, could impact on different sectors of society in different ways.
 - EIAs help the council make better decisions, identify how services can be more accessible or improved and consider the nine protected characteristics as well as the impact on the Welsh language.
- 4.2 Assessing the impact of proposed changes to policies and strategies is not just something the law requires, it is an opportunity to ensure decisions are based on robust evidence and that they:
 - include a consideration of actions that would help to avoid or mitigate any impact on individuals or groups;
 - are based on evidence;
 - are transparent;
 - > record the equality considerations that have been taken into account.
- 4.3 The Welsh Language Standards require us to consider:
 - whether a policy-related decision could have a positive or negative impact on opportunities for people to use Welsh;
 - if we are treating Welsh and English equally;
 - ways to demonstrate how positive effects could be increased;
 - how any identified adverse effects could be decreased.

Questions related to this were added into the EIA toolkit in 2016 as an existing assessment tool rather than creating an additional impact assessment.

- 4.4 It is important to recognise that our duty to eliminate discrimination is a continuing one. It cannot be exercised once and for all, but must be continually revisited and borne in mind, therefore the EIA should be revisited as policies change and are reviewed.
- 4.5 The lead person drafting or reviewing a policy or strategy within the service area is responsible for conducting the EIA. EIA screenings should be retained by the service area, referenced and summarised in the equalities section of the relevant cabinet report. Where a full EIA is needed this should be included as an appendix to the report.
- 4.6 The EIA toolkit will be revised in readiness for the implementation of the socio-economic duty in March 2021, to include guidance for officers on the socio-economic duty and when this needs to be considered.
- 4.7 The administration of the EIA processes will also be reviewed, and consideration given to an online assessment process to assist in the collation and publication of data. Currently full EIAs are linked to Cabinet reports and as such become public documents. All EIA screenings are retained by the service area.

EIA training

- 4.8 An e-learning module continues to be available for employees which provides an overview of EIAs, their role in improving services and a guide to conducting them. At the end of the module, staff have an opportunity to complete an EIA and compare this against an already completed version to assess how the module has assisted in terms of knowledge and understanding.
- 4.9 During the period February 2019 to March 2020, 18 council employees completed EIA training (via e-learning) per the following table:

Directorate	Completions
SS & WB	9
Communities	2
Education and Family Support	5
Chief Executive	2
Total	18

To date 225 council employees have completed the EIA e-learning module.

EIAs undertaken in 2019/2020

- 4.10 Between February 2019 and March 2020, eight full EIAs were undertaken and accompanied Cabinet reports and these are listed in Appendix 1.
- 4.11 68 EIA screenings were undertaken during this period and these are listed in Appendix 2. These screenings were referenced in the relevant Cabinet report/s and indicated that the policy/ies being assessed could either be "screened out" or would require a full EIA to be undertaken.

Where full EIAs are needed the following timeframes apply:

- Within six months or before approval of policy (high impact);
- Within one year of screening (medium impact);
- Within three years of screening (low impact).

5. Effect upon policy framework & procedure rules

5.1 As this is an information report, there are no proposed changes to the policy framework and procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 The report provides the committee with information which will positively assist in the delivery of the authority's equality duties.

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

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications identified as this is an information/update report

9. Recommendation

9.1 That the Cabinet Equalities Committee notes the progress made in the council during 2019/2020 in the completion of Equality Impact Assessments, the progress made with training (e-learning and development of face to face training) and the review of the administration processes to support service areas.

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Background papers: None



Appendix one - Full Equality Impact Assessments undertaken between February 2019 and March 2020

	EIA name:	Date:
1.	Outcome of the consultation for on the proposal to establish provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) at Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Calon Y Cymoedd	February 2019
2.	Provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) - changes to Betws Primary School	February 2019
3.	Public space protection orders	March 2019
4.	Rationalisation of supported bus services 2019/2020	April 2019
5.	Playing fields, outdoor sports facilities and parks pavilions	October 2019
6.	Bridgend Shopmobility scheme	January 2020
7.	Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2020-21 To 2023-24	February 2020
8.	Playing fields, outdoor sports facilities & parks pavilions and community asset transfer	February 2020

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Appendix 2 - Initial Screening Equality Impact Assessments undertaken between February 2019 and March 2020

	EIA name:	Date:	Type:	Impact:
1.	Amendment to the school admissions policy and arrangements 2019-2020	February 2019	Screening	Screened out
2.	Bridgend County Borough Council Corporate Plan 2018- 2022 reviewed for 2020-21	February 2019	Screening	Ongoing
3.	School Admissions Policy and Arrangements 2020-21	February 2019	Screening	Screened out
4.	Treasury Management and Capital Strategies 2019-20 Onwards	February 2019	Screening	Ongoing/area specific
5.	Local area energy strategy & smart energy plan	February	Screening	Ongoing
6.	Appointment of local authority governors	February 2019	Screening and wellbeing assessment	Screened out
7.	Brexit update and risk register	March 2019	Screening	Screened out
8.	Children's social care – university support packages for care leavers	March 2019	Screening	High priority
9.	Young Person enabling transition service	March 2019	Screening	Screened out
10.	Proposed disaggregation of youth offending services from the Western bay arrangements	March 2019	Screening and wellbeing assessment	Low priority
11.	Invitation of tenders for home-to-school bus service contracts	March 2019	Screening	Screened out
12.	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service	March 2019	Screening	EIAs will be area specific
13.	School Modernisation Band B	March 2019	Screening	EIAs will be area specific

14.	Supported Accommodation for Care Leavers	April 2019	Screening	Screened out
15.	Enforcement policy for the issuing of fixed penalty notices for environmental offences	April 2019	Screening	Screened out
16.	Community recycling centre opening times	April 2019	Screening	Screened out
17.	Smart energy plan – domestic energy efficiency project	April 2019	Screening	Screened out
18.	A report on the duty to secure sufficient play opportunities for children and young people in Bridgend county borough	April 2019	Screening	Screened out
19.	Welsh Government Childcare Offer	April 2019	Screening	Screened out
20.	Childcare Sufficiency Review (CSA)	April 2019	Screening	Screened out
21.	Local toilet strategy	May 2019	Screening and wellbeing assessment	Screened out
22.	Pencoed recreation ground pavilion	May 2019	Screening	Screened out
23.	Potential Re-location of Local and Family History Service from Ty'r Ardd	May 2019	Screening	Screened out
24.	Mobile Library Service provision	May 2019	Screening	Screened out
25.		June 2019	Screening	Screened out
26.	Suspension of contract procedure rules for home-to-school bus service contracts	June 2019	Screening	Screened out
27.	Post-16 ALN Review	June 2019	Screening	Ongoing consultation
28.	Appointment of local authority governors	June 2019	Screening	Screened out
29.	Governance changes of valleys to coast association (v2c) board	July 2019	Screening	Low priority
30.	Valleys regional park	July 2019	Screening	Screened out
31.	, ,	July 2019	Screening	Screened out
32.	Welsh-Medium Childcare – Bettws and Ogmore Valley	July 2019	Screening	Screened out
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33.	Learner travel efficiencies	July 2019	Screening	Ongoing consultation
34.	Capital programme update - quarter 1 2019-20	July 2019	Screening	Ongoing/area specific
35.	Estyn Inspection – Post Inspection Action Plan	August 2019	Screening	Screened out
36.	Re-commissioning supported living services	August 2019	Screening	Screened out
37.	Pupil deprivation grant (PDG) - access grant 2019-20	September 2019	Screening	Screened out
38.	Valleys regional park – award of funding in relation to the Valleys regional park discovery gateways capital grant 2019- 2021	September 2019	Screening	Screened out
39.	Suspension of council's contract procedure rules and award of Contracts for domestic abuse services	September 2019	Screening	Screened out
40.	School crossing patrols	September 2019	Screening	Low priority
41.	Service level agreement between Bridgend county borough council and g4s care and justice services (UK) limited invisible Walls wales	September 2019	Screening	Screened out
42.	Social services representations and complaints annual report 2018/19	September 2019	Screening	Screened out
43.	Invisible Walls Wales Service Level Agreement	September 2019	Screening	Screened out
44.	Appointment of local authority governors	September 2019	Screening	Screened out
45.	Supported Living Framework Service Provider Contracts	September 2019	Screening	Screened out
46.	Guaranteed interview scheme for veterans	October 2019	Screening	Screened out
47.	Capital energy investment project and corporate landlord energy and carbon strategy	October 2019	Screening	Low priority
48.	Homelessness strategy 2018-2022	November 2019	Screening	Screened out

49.	Environmental enforcement policy	November 2019	Screening and wellbeing assessment	Screened out
50.	Valleys task force empty homes grant	November 2019	Screening	Low priority
51.	Review of post-16 provision across Bridgend (phase 4 report)	November 2019	Screening and wellbeing assessment	Ongoing consultation
52.	Community learning grant – East hub	November 2019	Screening	Screened out
53.	Appointment of local authority governors	November 2019	Screening	Screened out
54.	Empty property strategy	December 2019	Screening	Screened out
55.	Welsh government foundational economy challenge fund	December 2019	Screening	Screened out
56.	Outcome of the consultation 'shaping Bridgend's future'	December 2019	Screening	Ongoing consultation
57.	Licensing act 2003 Statement of licensing policy and cumulative impact assessment	December 2019	Screening	Screened out
58.	Additional Learning Needs (ALN) grant	December 2019	Screening	Screened out
59.	Re-development of Maesteg town hall	January 2020	Screening	Screened out
60.	Work experience placements for service personnel leaving the armed forces	January 2020	Screening	Screened out
61.	School Modernisation Programme: Band B	January 2020	Screening	Screened out
62.	Appointment of local authority governors	January 2020	Screening	Screened out
63.	Treasury management and capital strategies 2020-21 onwards	February 2020	Ongoing/area specific	Ongoing/area specific

64.	Proposal to pilot the early childhood education and care (ECEC) initiative	February 2020	Screening	Ongoing consultation
65.	Coastal protection engineering works to western breakwater and Eastern promenade, including Rhych point, Porthcawl	February 2020	Screening	Screened out
66.	Early Childhood Education and Care	February	Screening	Ongoing/area specific
67.	Development of strategic equality plan 2020 - 2024	March 2020	Screening	Ongoing/area specific
68.	Learner Travel Consultation	March 2020	Screening	Ongoing consultation

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES

7 OCTOBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN ACTION PLAN REPORT (UPDATE ON WORK UNDERTAKEN BY DIRECTORATES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet Committee Equalities with an update on progress made in delivering the Strategic Equality Plan (SEP) 2016 2020 during 2019/2020. This is the fourth and final annual review for this plan.
- 2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities
- 2.1 The 2016-2020 SEP is a statutory plan that impacts on the whole of the council. It outlines seven equality objectives, namely:
 - 1. Transportation;
 - 2. Fostering good relations and awareness raising;
 - 3. Our role as an employer;
 - 4. Mental health;
 - 5. Children:
 - 6. Leisure, arts and culture;
 - 7. Data.
- 2.2 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 Following public consultation the council's SEP (2016-2020) was approved by

Cabinet on 15 March 2016.

- 3.2 Further consultation with the public and local equality and diversity groups took place during May and June 2016 in order to develop the action plan which would support achievement of the seven objectives in the SEP over the four year period. Key/ lead officers were consulted regarding the development of meaningful and achievable actions within their respective services. The final action plan is a live document and contains 47 actions and was approved by Cabinet Committee Equalities in July 2016. The action plan is attached as a background document to this report (appendix one).
- 3.3. Cabinet Committee Equalities have received three updates on progress. Progress during 2016/17 was presented in the committee meeting in July 2017, progress during 2017/18 was presented in July 2018 and progress during 2018/19 was presented in July 2019.

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1 Progress for 2019/2020 is documented in appendix one. Key points to note are:

a) Transportation

- 112 junctions were treated at various locations throughout the borough and had dropped kerbs installed.
- A mystery shopper exercise was carried out by our enforcement team to fact find on driver behaviour and attitudes when carrying passengers using wheelchairs in Bridgend. While no issues of concern were found the exercise will be repeated to build up a fuller picture of customer experiences.
- Operator telephone numbers now appear on the published list of wheelchair accessible vehicles.
- Bridgend Community Transport (BCT) vehicles are specially adapted for passengers with additional mobility needs. Passenger numbers on BCT's Town Rider service is increasing by approximately 15% each year.

b) Fostering good relations and awareness raising

- During 2019/2020 regular Hate Crime awareness sessions have taken place across the County Borough. A total of 82 sessions took place in which we engaged with 1881 people.
- During Hate Crime awareness week joint South Wales Police and BCBC events were held in Bridgend, Garw Valley, Ogmore Valley, Porthcawl, Pyle, Brackla, Maesteg, Caerau, Pencoed, Sarn, Ynysawdre and Bryntirion.
- BCBC has promoted campaigns via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and the BCBC website, including:
 - Foster care fortnight 2019
 - International Women's Day
 - Wartime Bridgend
 - Armed Forces day
 - Shwmae Sumae day
 - Welsh Language Rights day

- Changing Places awareness day
- Step out for stroke
- o Pride Cymru 2019
- Olympage games 2019
- Hate Crime awareness week 2019,
- White ribbon campaign
- LGBTQ+ Adoption and Fostering Week
- BCBC marked Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 with public event, held at the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College. The theme for the 2020 event, which is provided by the Holocaust Memorial Trust was 'Stand Together' and aimed to encourage attendees to stand together with their friends, colleagues and neighbours to speak out against oppression.
- Following a series of meetings between WLGA, Community Cohesion Coordinators and preferred providers for delivering hate crime projects, a number of schools in Bridgend were identified on the basis of analysis on reported hate crime in the community, anti-social behaviour in the area and discussions with the school liaison officers.

The five schools identified were:

- o Brynteg School
- Bryntirion Comprehensive School
- Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen
- Maesteg School
- Pencoed Comprehensive School
- To date over 4,900 employees have completed the training module on violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

c) Our role as an employer

- 26 front line employees attended LGBTQI awareness training delivered by Stonewall.
- The EIA e-learning module continues to be available for employees, 18 managers undertook this training during 2019/20.
- The Access to Work scheme is promoted to all employees and included in the corporate induction protocol. New starters are supported to make application as and when appropriate.
- The wide range of resources available to employees and elected members via the Employee Assistance Programme and delivered by Care First have been widely and regularly promoted.
- Additional resources provided to support employees during the COVID-19 pandemic have been promoted on a weekly basis via a dedicated 'COVID-19 Employee Wellbeing' intranet page. This has included access to daily webinars.

d) Mental health

 This is the first year of working in a new region and developing new regional partnerships with the Health Board and Local Authorities. A number of discussions and workshops have taken place to establish the ongoing service and operational models of support across the services including support for carers and families.

- In Bridgend there has been extensive engagement and consultation undertaken with service users, families and stakeholders to develop and implement the new service model for carers, which focuses on voice, choice and control for individuals.
- Progress continues to be made across Social Services with the information, advice and assistance service via the MASH for children's and the Common Access Point for adults. In adults this is being prioritised via the availability of Welsh Government transformation fund. This will enable the further development of this service over an extended period.
- The Bridgend Carers Wellbeing Service continues to develop in the county borough and the service continues to support carers through preemptive information advice and support Partnership working continues and a performance framework is being developed.
- BCBC and BAVO are active in the regional social prescribing network across Cwm Taf Morgannwg region.

e) Children

- Updates on the progression and well-being of families under the Syrian Refugee Resettlement programme discussed with SWP Hate Crime Officer weekly, Taf Housing and ESOL Lecturer at Bridgend College. Regular engagement with community leader at the local Mosque, to help ensure the wellbeing of Syrian families that are part of the congregation.
- The Local Authority ensures that each respective schools Anti-Bullying Policy is in date, and where incidents are raised by members of the public, that schools have acted in accordance to their policies.
- Show Racism the Red Card have delivered workshops in schools throughout the county, promoting an anti-bullying and anti-racism message. The sessions included a resource pack that we can share with other schools (post session delivery). Sessions included critical thinking, conflict resolutions and unconscious bias.

f) Leisure, arts and culture

- Discovery and after school programmes supported 70 households with children/young people with additional needs to access community opportunities.
- Continued growth of opportunities for older adults, carers and people living with dementia via dementia swimming, dance, creative activities. Both Halo and Awen are supporting these programmes.
- Halo Leisure have worked with parents and carers of children/young people with autism have developed an autism friendly swimming programme.
- Joint working has taken place between Halo Leisure and Bridgend Carers
 Centre to better understand the wellbeing needs of carers. Awen have
 supported the Carers choir ongoing development and also collated
 podcast information.
- The active young people programmes operated in partnership with schools have continued. There has been a focus on the impact of disadvantage and gender on participation. New models have been developed supporting girls, young carers and looked after children.

- Awen have continued to operate the Hynt scheme providing free access for carers.
- Following the reduction in Welsh Government Free Swimming investment for the over 60's the Access to Leisure scheme has provided low cost continued access to a broader range of activities. Circa 400 older adults have taken up a membership related offer.
- Work commenced on the redevelopment of Maesteg Town Hall and colocation of services recognising changing places accessibility requirements.
- An Ageing Well calendar has been created featuring wellbeing advice, partnerships and services and 4000 copies have been distributed.

g) Data

- Equality monitoring continues to be included in all public consultations. Relevant information is shared with services to help inform their EIA.
- In 2019/2020 we engaged with over 18,000 residents across the County Borough through a range of consultations and engagement sessions.
- Public consultation respondents continue to be asked if they would like to be informed of the outcome of consultations, and where relevant information is shared when the consultation report is publically available.
- Details of consultations, outcomes and next steps are shared on the closed consultation page of the website.
- As a result of the formal complaints process, four equality monitoring forms have been processed.
- Equalities data is gathered for all new employees and we continue to promote the employee self-service system to encourage existing staff to complete/update their personal data.
- Between February 2019 and March 2020 the council produced eight full EIAs and 68 EIA screenings. An Equality Impact assessment annual report continues to be presented to Cabinet Committee Equalities.

5. Effect upon policy framework & procedure rules

5.1 The report has no direct effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 Following the consultation in 2016, a full EIA was undertaken which highlighted that the SEP and associated action plan will have a positive impact on most of the protected characteristic groups. As this is an information report, no further EIA is required at this time.

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

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial implications

8.1 Any financial implications described within the SEP action plan will be met from within existing directorate budgets.

9. Recommendation

8.1 That Cabinet Equalities Committee receives and considers this report and appendix.

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Background papers:

Appendix one SEP action plan update 2019-2020





Strategic Equality Plan 2016 – 2020

Action Plan Update 2019/2020

Objective 1: Transport	ation				
What we will do to achieve this objective	How we will we do this	2016/17 Update	2017/18 Update	2018/19 Update	2019/20 Update
Increase provision of raised kerbs at bus stops	Where bus stops feature as a part of highways works, new developments or an infrastructure review, we will endeavour to ensure that raised kerbs are provided.		There have been no developments during this period which include bus stops reviews. The plans for 2018-19 do include bus stop improvements (including raised kerbs)	A survey of all bus stops has been carried out to assist in future bids for funding of improvements	Of the 870 bus stops in the county borough, 322 have high access kerbs. There have been 2 No. existing bus stops which have been enhanced with the installation of high access kerbs.
Progress the implementation of our dropped kerb programme	Where highway works, new developments or infrastructure redevelopments are undertaken, we will endeavour to ensure that, where possible, dropped kerbs are included.	66 dropped kerbs were installed in 2016/17 as follows: • 46 new developm ents • 4 BCBC maintena nce works	92 junctions were treated at various locations throughout the borough. For new developments two streets have been adapted in 2017/18 and they required two pairs	50 junctions were treated at various locations throughout the borough and had dropped kerbs. New Developments:-40No. BCBC program:-	112 No. junctions were treated at various locations throughout the borough and had dropped kerbs installed. New Developments:-35No.

Page 59			16 BCBC works for third parties	of pedestrian aids. For new developments two junctions were created. Existing highway network pedestrian aids introduced at 92 junctions.	9No. 1No. Introduced by Third party (e.g. Town Council)	BCBC program:-72No. 5 No. Introduced by Third party (e.g. Town Council) 29 No. Locations were also altered on behalf of a Town Council to remove the raised kerb at private household vehicular accesses.
	Increase the number of wheelchair accessible taxis	We will liaise with our taxi licensing department and the taxi	52 vehicles are currently licensed and	The list of designated vehicles was	Officers of the Licensing Department	A Mystery Shopper exercise was carried out
		trade to consider	operating within	published on the	recently met with	by our
		whether more can be	Bridgend	council website on	Bridgend	enforcement
		done to increase the number of wheelchair	County Borough,	1 April 2018. We have been	residents who require	team to fact find on driver
		accessible taxis in	including	advised of the	Wheelchair	behaviour and
		Bridgend County	hackney	Welsh	Accessible	attitudes when
		Borough.	carriages	Government	Vehicles (WAVs),	carrying
			(immediate hire)	consultation on	to see what steps	passengers using
			and private hire	reforming taxi	could be taken to	wheelchairs in
			(pre-booking	legislation in	improve provision	Bridgend.
			only). These are	Wales. An update	for passengers in	
			operated by	will be provided to	wheelchairs.	

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Page			Village Bus and	CEC once Welsh	Following the	No issues of
D E			Taxi; Peyton	Government has	meeting the	concern found
			Travel;	published more	department wrote	but the exercise
60			Easyway; 3A's	detailed proposals.	to all WAV	will be repeated
			Maesteg;		proprietors to ask	to build up a fuller
			G & S Travel		if their direct	picture of
			and		details could be	customer
			Welshbreakers.		shared. The	experiences.
					department will	•
					also invite the	Operator
					main operators	telephone
					and wheelchair	numbers now
					passengers to	appear on the
					meet to discuss if	published list of
					anything further	wheelchair
					can be done to	accessible
					improve services	vehicles.
					for passengers in	
					wheelchairs.	
					The Welsh	
					Government	
					published a White	
					Paper in	
					December 2018	
					which included a	
					consultation that	
					ended 27 March	
					2019. There have	
					been no further	
					publications since	
					publications since	

D			the consultation. An update will be provided to Cabinet Equalities Committee once Welsh Government has published more detailed proposals.	
Work towards a more integrated bus network by supporting the provision of community transport	We have a Bridgend Community Transport (BCT) strategy in place and we will continue to encourage BCT to make applications for grant funding to introduce new routes and improve the frequency of existing routes. The council meets the BCT Business Development Manager to monitor progress and the increase in miles travelled as a result of the grant funding.	£85,029.00 from Welsh Government grant was provided towards Bridgend Community Transport. We continue to work with the operator to increase usage and services, especially services where some supported or commercial routes have been reduced. Bridgend Community Transport provide	Welsh Government grant in18/19 was £84,934.32p for community transport. The use of community transport is a vital component in transport provision around the County Borough and can provide assistance to communities where other bus services have	BCT awarded £87,000.00 from the Welsh Governments BSSG funding for 19/20. Community Transport continues to play a vital role in transport provision around the County Borough and provides assistance to communities where other bus services have

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				expenditure and		
62				service delivery.		Vehicles are also
. •						specially adapted
						for passengers
						with additional
						mobility needs.
						Passenger
						numbers on
						BCT's Town
						Rider service is
						increasing by
						approximately
						15% each year.
	Work with transport	We will request that the	This has been	Work to re-	First Cymru are	First Cymru are
	providers to monitor	Bridgend Equality	requested	establish the First	still trying to	still endeavouring
	equality related	Forum becomes a	however the	Cymru Customer	establish their	to re-establish a
	complaints and	member of the First	First Cymru	panel is ongoing.	Customer panel.	Customer Panel
	devise systems to	Cymru Customer Panel	Customer Panel	All complaints are		meeting.
	report abuse	to feed in any equality	(Bridgend and	dealt with in line	All complaints are	However, a
	experienced or	related issues and	Neath Port	with BCBC	dealt with in line	management
	witnessed on buses,	concerns the forum	Talbot) has not	procedures for	with BCBC	restructure and
	as well as ensuring	becomes aware of. We	met since July	complaints.	procedures for	COVID-19 has
	their employees are	will also encourage all	2015. It is		complaints.	delayed the
	aware of and are	bus operators in	believed that a			discussions about
	sensitive to equality	Bridgend County	panel will be			future Customer
	issues	Borough to raise	set-up soon.			Panel meetings.
		awareness on buses of				
		hate crime and hate				All complaints are
		crime reporting, and				dealt with in line
						with BCBC

J 2		use/support Bus Users Cymru campaigns.				procedures for complaints.
	Provide DDA compliant routes as part of our Active Travel scheme	We will ensure that we undertake robust and meaningful stakeholder consultation and engagement, and use the information to support the development of DDA compliant routes.	An active travel route was provided as part of the Ford Access Road scheme and a further route created to serve Croesty Primary and Pencoed Comprehensive schools. The schools, a local community group and council officers were consulted.	National Cycle Network Route 885 – Phase 2. The scheme designs were presented to the Bridgend Equalities Forum for comment prior to being finalised. Any suggestions were incorporated in the final design. Croesty Primary and Pencoed Comprehensive School Safe Routes in Communities – Phase 2. The scheme was designed following consultation with pupils of both schools, as well as local stakeholders including local residents and the Community	Works continues in the development of active travel routes within Bridgend. In 18/19 the Croesty primary phase 3 routes was completed along with Phase 2 of NCN 885 and Partial completion of Newton Primary Phase 1 in Porthcawl.	Active travel consultation is now complete and the plan and maps were approved by Welsh Government these have been published on the BCBC and Welsh Government websites.

Assess routes school as par Learner Trave Routes work towards improving roas afety around schools	rt of our el Safer and ad	We will ensure that, with the reduction in home to school transport provision, regular risk assessments of routes to school are undertaken to assess elements such as pavement widths and any social danger.	Physical assessments have been undertaken at Pencoed and Maesteg secondary schools and the assessment at Cynffig secondary school is currently underway	Access Group which reported to Pencoed Town Council. Ongoing consultation on review of learner travel. Consultation has concluded on Pencoed and Maesteg clusters with 667 responses and 523 responses received respectively.	All initial assessments have been carried out for learner Travel Safer Routes for school catchments.	All routes have been assessed and with the sponsor (Education), CPE team assess and monitor all roads in vicinity of schools within the Authority for parking contraventions with foot patrols and use of mobile enforcement vehicle on a rota basis and identified 'hot spots'		
Objective 2: F	Objective 2: Fostering good relations and awareness raising							
What we will		How we will we do this	2016/17 Update	2017/18 Update	2018/19 Update	2019/20 Update		
achieve this objective			•		•	•		
Continue with	1	We will demonstrate our	BCBC has	BCBC has	BCBC has	BCBC has		
promoting		support for local,	promoted	promoted	promoted	promoted		

awareness
campaigns around
protected
characteristics and
advertising/attending
events e.g. Cardiff
Mardi Gras

national and international awareness raising campaigns such as LGBT History Month, International Women's Day and Step out for Stroke etc by sharing information relating to these events and, where relevant, holding/attending local events. We will also promote events and campaigns via social media.

campaigns via Twitter. Facebook and the BCBC website. including Bisexuality Day, World Mental Health Day, White Ribbon Day, Holocaust Memorial Day, LGBT History Month, LGBT Fostering Week, St. David's Day, Action on Stroke Month and **IDAHOT Dav** (the annual international day against homophobia and transphobia).

campaigns via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and the BCBC website. including International Women's Dav. **Urdd National** Eisteddfod. Foster care fortnight 2017. LGBT Fostering Week, St. David's Day, St Dwynwen's day, Holocaust Memorial Day, 100 vears since women won the right to vote. LGBT history month, Chinese new year, White Ribbon campaign, Fuel Povertv Awareness Day, Dementia friendly areas, apprentice week, St Patricks, World Social Work Day, International Day for the Elimination of

campaigns via Twitter. Facebook. Instagram and the BCBC website, including International Women's Day, Foster Care fortnight 2018, Pride Cymru 2018. Holocaust Memorial Day, Dementia Awareness week. New Welshmedium provision for pupils with autism. St David's Day, Dementia friendly communities. Apprenticeship week. Pencoed autism school, Urdd 2018. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Step out for

campaigns via Twitter. Facebook. Instagram and the BCBC website, including Foster care fortnight 2019, Roots street festivals. International Women's Dav. Wartime Bridgend, Bridgend Feastival. Mental health awareness week 2019. Dementia friendly communities, Off Duty carers choir event. Eid Mubarak, Welsh provision at Calon Y Cymoedd for kids with autism. apprenticeship week. Festival of learning, Fostering throughout year,

Page 66		Racial Discrimination. International awareness day for epilepsy. IDAHOT Day (the annual international day against homophobia and transphobia). World Mental Health Day.	Stroke, Mayor's Citizens awards 2018, Mini Olympage events, Dementia Awareness week 2018, Carers week, Ras yr laith - race for welsh language, Eid al- Adha, International Day of Older Persons, Mental Health Day 2018, Hate	#Worldwellbeing week, Armed forces day, urdd schools out events, Bridgend show (my account, consultation and free childcare provision), summer mentor bro ogwr welsh language play schemes, St Dwynwen's Day,
66		epilepsy. IDAHOT Day (the annual	events, Dementia Awareness week	events, Bridgend show (my
		against	week, Ras yr laith	consultation and
		transphobia).	language, Eid al-	
			,	
		,	of Older Persons,	language play
			Day 2018,Hate	Dwynwen's Day,
			Crime awareness week, National	Eisteddfod Urdd, Shwmae Sumae
			adoption week, National	day, Welsh language rights
			safeguarding week,	day, Welsh medium booklet,
			Remembrance	Celebrate 70
			day, 100 years since the end of	years of Welsh medium
			WW1, White ribbon campaign,	education in the Llynfi Valley, St
			carers rights day,	Davids Day, The
			International Migrants day, St	welsh rockability fair, changing
			Dwynwen's day, LGBT History	places awareness day,
			Month.	Step out for

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Page				cymru 2019,
ge				Mayors
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7				citizenship award 2019,
				Apprenticeship
				week, Mini
				Olympage
				events,
				Olympage games
				2019, Moving
				more often
				dementia support
				events,
				International Day
				of Older Persons
				2019, Hate Crime
				awareness week
				2019, world red
				card day 2019,
				Mental Health
				Day 2019,
				National adoption
				week 2019,
				Remembrance
				day, White ribbon
				campaign, carers
				rights day, LGBT
				History Month,
				LGBT fostering,
				20 reasons to
				foster campaign,
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					inclusive surf club, food and fun programme, We care wales campaign, world suicide prevention day 2019, Everyday Ageism 2019, National stress awareness day 2019, National safeguarding week 2019, Carers rights day 2019, Time to talk day campaign, EU citizen settlement scheme info sessions, LGBTQ+ adult peer support group, LGBTQ+ Adoption and Fostering Week
Ensure we mark Holocaust Memorial Day	We will ensure that our annual Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) event recognises that the victims of the holocaust were not	The theme of HMD 2017 was 'How can life go on?' asking people across the world to	The theme of HMD 2018 was 'The power of words' which explores how language has been used in the	The theme for HMD 2019 was 'torn from home', which aimed to encourage attendees to	BCBC marked Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 with public event, held at the

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restricted to the Jewish	think about what	past, and how it is	reflect on how the	Sony Theatre,
Faith. We will ensure	happens after	used in the present	enforced loss of a	Bridgend College.
that our HMD events	genocide and	day.	safe place to call	The theme for the
reflect international,	our	D0D0	home is part of	2020 event,
national and local	responsibilities	BCBC marked this	the trauma faced	which is provided
themes.	in the wake of	with a public event	by anyone	by the Holocaust
	such crimes.	- in partnership	experiencing	Memorial Trust
		with Bridgend	persecution and	was 'Stand
	BCBC marked	College - to	genocide.	Together' and
	this with a public	remember the		aimed to
	event - in	millions of	BCBC marked	encourage
	partnership with	Lives lost	the event with a	attendees to
	Bridgend	recognition during	poignant public	stand together
	College - to	the Holocaust and	event, held at the	with their friends,
	remember the	Nazi Persecution.	Sony Theatre,	colleagues and
	victims of the	BCBC's special	Bridgend College.	neighbours to
	Nazi	guest was Eric		speak out against
	persecution and	Murangwa Eugene	Members of the	oppression.
	subsequent	a Rwandan	public joined local	
	genocides.	survivor of the	AMs, staff from	Members of the
	BCBC's special	1994 Genocide	South Wales	public joined the
	guest was	against the Tutsi	Police, members	Mayor of
	Antoinette	and former	of the local	Bridgend County
	Mushimiyimana,	Rwandan	community,	Borough, the
	a survivor of the	International	pupils from local	High Sheriff of
	1994 Rwandan	football player who	secondary	Mid Glamorgan,
	genocide and	founded two	schools and	councillors, staff
	for the first time	charitable	Bridgend College	from South Wales
	at a HMD event,	organisations	students to	Police, members
	Rabbi Michoel	Football for Hope,	remember the	of the Jewish
	Rose recited a	Peace and Unity	victims and	community and
				,
	Jewish prayer.	(FHPU) and	honour the	pupils from local

Page 70		Survivors Tribune (ST). Rabbi Michoel Rose recited a Jewish prayer.	survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Over 120 people attended the event, which was held in partnership with Bridgend College, to hear special guest, Jean-Paul Samputu, survivor of the 1994 Genocide	secondary schools and Bridgend College students to remember the victims and honour the survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Over 130 people attended the event, which was held in
			event, which was held in	genocides in Cambodia,
			Bridgend College, to hear special	and Darfur.
			Samputu,	attended the
			in Rwanda, speak movingly about	Bridgend College, to hear special
			his personal experiences of	guest, Ganza Gahizi, survivor
			losing his parents and three siblings	of the 1994 Genocide against
			during the genocide.	the Tutsi in Rwanda, speak
			The traditional	movingly about
			The traditional 'Seven	his personal experiences of
			Statements of	losing over 50

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Page			were read by	family during the
			community	genocide.
71			representatives	
_			and a candle of	As part of the
			remembrance	ceremony, the
			was lit by Mayor	traditional 'Seven
			of Bridgend	Statements of
			County Borough.	Commitment'
			, 0	were read by
			In addition,	community
			Louise Fuller	representatives
			from Cardiff	and a candle of
			Reform	remembrance
			Synagogue	was lit by Mayor
			provided a	of Bridgend
			Jewish prayer	County Borough,
			and pupils from	Councillor Stuart
			local schools	Baldwin. A twenty
			read poems. To	second silence
			close the event,	was also held to
			Bridgend College	remember the
			Performing Arts	lives that were
			students	tragically lost.
			performed 'I	
			dreamed a	In addition,
			dream' from the	Reverend Rachel
			musical Les	Wheeler from
			Miserable and	Bridgend United
			'This is me' from	Church read a
			the recent hit	prayer in both
			movie, 'The	Welsh and

Page 72					Greatest Showman.'	English. To close the event, Bridgend College Performing Arts students performed 'She used to be mine' by Sara Bareilles and 'Long way from home' from the movie, 'Pretty Woman.'
	Raise awareness of hate crime and mate crime amongst our staff, citizens and our partner agencies	We will work with Victim Support to design a hate crime 'train the trainer' session for our staff and partners in Bridgend. Trained staff will deliver three hate crime/mate crime sessions per annum to our staff and partner agencies such as Registered Social Landlords to raise and increase the reporting of hate/mate crime awareness in the county borough.	BCBC Social Care Workforce Development Manager was involved in developing a train the trainer hate crime package. A regional train the trainer workshop was held in February 2017 and Hate Crime Awareness workshops will be held for BCBC and	Regular awareness raising sessions have been across the county at Shopping Centres, offices, bus stations and supermarkets. A series a Hate Crime Awareness Sessions have been held in local schools as well as with Mental Health Matters and the YMCA.	Regular awareness raising activities and events have taken place across the across the County Borough. Through the period of April 2018 – March 2019 there have been 69 awareness tables across the county borough. During 2018/19 we have engaged	For Hate Crime Awareness Week 2019, 4 Public Awareness Tables were held at the following locations: Civic Offices, Pencoed College, Bridgend Bus Station and Bridgend College. Collectively, a total of 67 people were given information at the tables. The online training module,

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Page 73	agencies later in	approx
Φ.	2017.	1,392 p
73		awarer
	South Wales	tables.
	Police (SWP)	
	Hate Crime	
	Officer is	
	working with the	
	Jewish	
	community in	
	Bridgend to	
	raise awareness of hate crime	
	and hate crime	
	reporting. SWP	
	continue to	
	attend events	
	such as	
	Bridgend	
	College's	
	Wellbeing Day	
	to promote hate	
	crime	
	awareness. The	
	Hate Crime	
	Officer also links	
	in with School	
	Liaison Officers	
	to promote the	
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hate crime

with approximately 1,392 people at awareness tables. Hate Crime, continues to be available to staff.

A total of 35 employees have completed the hate crime elearning module.

Last Autumn, Welsh Government announced a number of grant funded streams to deal with Hate Crime. Amongst these was a project for work specifically in 100 schools, and its aim was to deliver critical thinking skills and raise awareness of all aspects of Hate Crime in schools, with a focus on Key Stage 3.

Page	agenda among	Following a series
QE	young people.	of meetings
ወ		between WLGA,
74		Community
_		Cohesion
		Coordinators and
		preferred
		providers for
		delivering hate
		crime projects, a
		number of
		schools in
		Bridgend were
		identified on the
		basis of analysis
		on reported hate
		crime in the
		community, anti-
		social behaviour
		in the area and
		discussions with
		the school liaison
		officers.
		The five schools
		identified were:
		Brynteg
		School

Page 75						 Bryntirion Comprehensiv e School Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen Maesteg School Pencoed Comprehensiv e School Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the sessions have been delayed until a new round of dates can be agreed in the new academic year.
	Work with the Community Safety Partnership and South Wales Police to increase the reporting of hate crime	We will work with the Community Cohesion Group to support campaigns such as 'Stop the Hate' and other awareness raising campaigns in the county	SWP Hate Crime Officer is located within Bridgend Community Safety Partnership and	Joint events across the borough during hate Crime Awareness week	Joint events during Hate Crime week (15 to 19 October) were held in :	During the period from April 2019 to Mid-March 2020, CSP employees held 82 Public Awareness Tables at various

borough's main towns to increase the level of hate crime reporting. Links are established with safeguarding boards (adults and children) on work to tackle hate crime. including across disability hate crime and mate crime. We will also use the taxi forum to raise awareness of hate crime/incident reporting amongst the taxi trade and taxi drivers.

receives referrals from statutory and non-statutory partners. A multi-agency approach is adopted to support victims of hate crime and links to support groups and organisations such as Victim Support. Hate crime is monitored on an immediate basis with patterns and trends being identified with appropriate responses.

Events were also held on International IDAHOTB day on 17 May 2018

A limited number of taxi drivers attended the taxi drivers' forum. Therefore we are working with Shared Regulatory Services who will send out hate awareness/reportin g information with taxi licence renewal notices. which are sent to every taxi driver in the borough.

- Bridgend Civic Centre
- Porthcawl
- Maesteg
- Caerau
- Bridgend Bus Station

We carried out a Hate Crime leaflet drop to Bridgend Traders.

SWP Hate Crime Officer attended the PSB Bridgend Asset Mapping Event on 12 October 2018, which was attended by a range of public and 3rd sector organisations.

SWP Hate Crime officer attending the PSB Faith

locations around the County Borough, covering the following areas: Bridgend, Garw Valley, Ogmore Valley, Porthcawl, Pyle, Brackla, Maesteg, Caerau, Pencoed, Sarn, Ynysawdre and Bryntirion. These tables covered a wide range of subjects general crime prevention subjects, Hate Crime. White Ribbon Campaign, Orange Day (domestic abuse against women), Safeguarding, Stalking Awareness, also, Halloween and Bonfire Night. For National

Page 77 event on November The even attracted attendees range of a groups at sector organisate.	14 Safeguarding
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attendees range of to groups at sector	,
range of togroups and sector	
groups ar sector	faith Campaign
sector	
organisat	Nov/Dec, 7 tables
	•
	total number of
	persons reached
	at all the
	Awareness tables
	held during the
	period from April
	2019 to mid-
	March amounted
	to 1,881. The
	majority of these
	tables held were
	advertised on
	Twitter by PCSOs in attendance and
	some were also
	advertised by the
	BCBC Comms
	Team.
	Todin.
	Weekly updates
	with SWP Hate

D			discussing CTI
Page			Reports
је			(Community
78			Tension Incidents
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			Report) and
			monitoring
			potential
			community
			tensions/hate
			incidents.
			Regular
			discussion on
			how BCBC and
			SWP can
			promote the
			same messages
			on hate crime,
			establishing a
			unified approach.
			Tension
			Monitoring forms
			sent from Safer
			Bridgend mailbox
			to key partners
			every week
			(Safer Bridgend
			part of
			Community
			Safety
			Partnership)
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Increase awareness of domestic abuse issues and support and address violence, abuse and threats to personal safety experienced by people in Bridgend County Borough

We will work with our partners to ensure that Bridgend town retains its White Ribbon Status and will promote annually the November White Ribbon Campaign. We will continue to develop the domestic abuse onestop-shop (Assia Suite). We will progress the elements contained in Welsh Government's quidance on violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

The 2016 White Ribbon Campaign involved locating the mobile police station in Bridgend town centre, providina information and raising awareness. Partners included SWP. Victim Support and Calan DVS. White ribbons were handed out to the public and selfreferrals were taken. The number of incidents of

domestic abuse reported to

SWP over the

past four years

2012/13

were as follows:

2,572

During 2017/18
there were 1126
contacts to the
Assia Suite, with
150 agency
referrals. Contacts
comprised of 973
females and 153
males. 39 people
were from a BME
background, 77
people described
themselves as
having a disability.

From April 2018 to March 2019 there were 1268 contacts to the Assia Suite with a total of 308 CYP agency referrals.

Contacts consisted of 1027 females and 241 males. There have been 0 transgender contacts within this period. 94 people stated they had a disability.

During the White Ribbon Campaign in Nov/Dec 2019. 7 Public Awareness tables were held by CSP staff at the following locations: Bridgend, Maesteg and Porthcawl. A total of 56 persons engaged. **Domestic Abuse** is covered on the majority of tables held by the CSP, and is usually emphasised once or twice a month. when tables are held predominantly on the subject of 'Orange Day', a domestic-abuse related campaign begun by the **United Nations** with a view to

		2013/14			ending cruelty to
		2,314			women and girls
		2014/15			worldwide. There
		2,973			were 10 tables
1		2015/16			where the main
		2,293			theme was
		During 2016/17			Orange Day held
		there were 453			during April-mid-
		referrals to the			March 2019/20,
		Assia Suite			attracting 182
		comprising of			persons.
		439 females, 12			P = 1 = 1
		males and 2			To date over
		transgender			4,900 employees
		people. 24			have completed
		people were			the training
		from a BME			module on
		background,			violence against
		109 people had			women, domestic
		a disability. As			abuse and sexual
		at 31 March			violence.
		2017, 1,802			
		BCBC			
		employees had			
		completed the			
		VAWSADV e-			
		learning			
		module.			
Raising awareness of	We will raise awareness	Since 2013	Over 220	There were no	There were no
changes to housing	of the impact of changes	there has been	households in the	further changes	further changes
benefit entitlement	affecting claimants for	a limit on the	Bridgend CB area	to the income	to the income
	housing benefits as	total benefit a	were potentially	limits during	limits during

Page	!	soon as we become	working age	affected by the	2018/19.	2019/20. The
ğ	1	aware of them.	person can	second benefits	However, the	service continues
			receive. The	income cap,	service continues	to work with
0			Benefits Service	effective from	to work with	existing affected
			contacted	November 2016.	existing affected	households and
			approximately	The Benefits	households and	provides support
			200 potentially	Service contacted	provides support	when necessary.
			affected	all potentially	when necessary.	
			households to	affected		
			raise awareness	households to		
			of the cap, offer	make people		
			support whilst options were	aware that their		
			considered, and	housing benefit may be capped,		
			worked with	and provided		
			landlords to	information about		
			provide support	the support that		
			to tenants.	was available.		
			The Benefits			
			Service works			
			closely with			
			affected families			
			to ensure they			
			are equipped to			
			deal with the			
			income			
			reduction or, in			
			conjunction with			
			DWP, to assist			
			families where]

possible with

		the transition into employment. 157 households are currently affected by the caps.			
Recognising, responding to and addressing community tensions	We will ensure we have tension monitoring structures and processes in place and are evidencing processes to solve problems.		The multi-agency ASB management group and the Community Cohesion groups discuss and monitor incidents and potential incidents. Hate crime figures provided by Victim Support presented to the Community Safety Partnership	The Community Safety Partnership board and Bridgend Community Cohesion and Equality Forum discuss and monitor hate crime figures provided by South Wales Police. BCBC (along with other local authorities) are recruiting a Community Cohesion Officer to support the work of the regional Community Cohesion Co-	Tension Monitoring Forms sent to key partners via Safer Bridgend mailbox every week. Weekly updates with SWP Hate Crime Officer, discuss CTI Reports (Community Tension Incident Reports), which areas could benefit from more monitoring, community engagement and cohesion. Staff and key partner training taken place, covering Far-Right Extremism

				ordinators to work on community tension issues arising from Brexit.	Awareness and Counter-Narrative Training from the organisation, Small Steps. Establishing the 'Sharing from Home' campaign to help ease community tensions during the lockdown period.
Ensure consultation and engagement activities are robust whilst encouraging participation that is representative of the community	We will use the council's consultation and engagement toolkit and processes to raise awareness amongst the general public of developments within our services whilst aiming that the feedback we receive is representative of the communities we serve.	The toolkit is regularly used by staff to plan consultation and engagement activities. The Bridgend Equality Forum (BEF) is also briefed regarding consultations and this information is cascaded by the groups represented on BEF to their membership.	The consultation toolkit is available online. The Citizens' Panel is made up of over 1700 members. The demographics of the Citizens' Panel is monitored monthly and we are working to increase participation in under represented wards.	In 2018/19 we engaged with over 15,000 residents across the County Borough through a range of consultations and engagement sessions. Services continue to use the consultation toolkit to develop consultations, and EIAs ensure that Equality issues are	In 2029/2020 we engaged with over 18,000 residents across the County Borough through a range of consultations and engagement sessions. We have developed face to face engagement sessions for Citizens' Panel members to engage with us in a different way,

Page 84	Whilst participation is increasing the council is working towards ensuring that participation is representative of Bridgend county borough's communities.	considered when developing and carrying out consultation. The introduction of new data protection guidance (GDPR) had a significant impact on the Citizens' Panel. At the end of March 2019 there were 1108 Citizens Panel members. We continue to work within the community to recruit new members with the aim to make all wards representative.	and continue to promote membership across the county borough to ensure that all wards are represented on the panel.
Objective 3: Our role as an emp	Jioyei		

What we will do to achieve this objective	How we will we do this	2016/17 Update	2017/18 Update	2018/19 Update	2019/20 Update
Increase support for all employees in the workplace by continuing to develop information packs for employees with protected characteristics	Develop packs for disabled employees, those identifying as LGB or T and those from different faith groups to signpost them to sources of information, advice and support with a view to developing a more inclusive working environment.	The existing four packs have been updated and five additional packs produced. All of these are available of the staff intranet and an all-staff email has been issued to raise awareness of the support available.	Online resource is available within the Equalities pages of the intranet. We will continue to review these pages to ensure information is relevant and updated.	Resources continue to be available online under the following headings: Civil partnershi ps and marriage Age Retirement Disability Maternity pregnancy and adoption Race religion and belief Domestic abuse and violence against women LGBT Carers	Following feedback gained from Early Help staff through annual supervisions and formal feedback from head teachers, the Youth Development Service, through funding from the Corporate Management Board, sought to commission an external partner to deliver sessions to give pastoral, anti- bullying and curriculum leads in schools the knowledge, tools and confidence to train colleagues on tackling homophobic,

U			Vulnerable	biphobic and
Page			Groups and	transphobic bullyi
Эe			Central Hub are	ng.
86			part of the	rig.
6			Stonewall train	Through a
			the trainer	Through a
			training and are	procurement process,
			sharing this with	Stonewall Cymru
			schools. Also part	were identified as
			of a newly set up	the preferred
			LGBT school	partner and were
			network/ forum	commissioned to
			alongside	deliver a Train
			schools.	the Trainer
				programme over
			Transgender	three separate
			protocol for	dates.
			schools has been	
			developed as well	The Train the
			as ongoing work	Trainer
			on transgender	programme was
			protocol for the	CPD accredited,
			authority.	and all
				participants
				received a
				certificate upon
				successful
				completion.
				Adopting this
				approach
				ensured
				members of

Page 87						school and early help staff were able to cascade training to other staff, ensuring a greater level of sustainability and value for money. Across the three workshops 65 people attended from primary, secondary and third sector settings.
	Provide targeted	Update and promote the	Existing	EIA training	Face to Face EIA	The online
	groups of employees	equalities and diversity	equalities e-	provided for staff	training took	training module
	with equality and	section within the	learning	identified within	place in 2018/19	continues to be
	diversity training	corporate e-learning	modules have	each business	for a further 18	available and is
		module.	been reviewed	area. 5 sessions	officers who have	reviewed
			and updated.	took place	responsibility for	alongside any
		Update the introduction	New modules have been	between February 2018 and end	the completion of EIAs.	developments with the EIA
		to equality and diversity e-learning module and	launched	March 2018, with	EIAS.	toolkit. The
		target front line	including mental	46 delegates	The online	eLearning
		employees.	health and	attending. A further	training module	module continues
			Violence	two sessions are	continues to be	to be promoted
		Develop and promote	Against Women,	planned for 2018-	available and is	as part of the
		specific	Sexual Abuse	19.	reviewed	eLearning
			and Domestic	The equalities and	alongside any	portfolio.
				diversity section	developments	

D22 88		E-learning modules e.g. mental health, domestic abuse.	Violence (VAWSADV).	within the corporate e-learning module has been amended. An e-learning module has been written on mental health and this has been promoted via Bridgenders.	with the EIA toolkit. The eLearning module continues to be promoted as part of the eLearning portfolio.	A total of 158 employees completed the Equality and Diversity E- Learning Module.
						26 front line employees attended LGBTQI awareness training delivered by Stonewall.
						A suite of equality related e-learning and resources is available for all employees to access.
	Provide senior managers with training and support in completing robust EIAs	Update the EIA e- learning module and roll out to target group of employees who are responsible for carrying out EIAs. This will	The EIA e- learning module has been reviewed and updated. A target group of	EIA Workshops have been delivered to a target group of employees who	All those identified as the target group of employees for EIA training have	The EIA e- learning module continues to be available for employees, 18 managers

D222 00		include support materials such as toolkits and case studies.	153 managers and key staff has been identified and completions monitored.	are responsible for carrying out EIAs. EIA toolkit updated and made available on the intranet. Face to face training carried out and support for business areas provided by Equalities team.	now completed the training.	undertook this training during 2019/20.
	Increase support for employees by developing further staff networks for those employees sharing a protected characteristic	During the last SEP we developed a network for LGBT employees. We will develop further networks, initially developing one for disabled staff to assist them with gaining advice and guidance on everyday living and employment.	The LGBT staff network continues to meet. Opportunities are currently being considered to establish networks for disabled staff and faith groups. Examples of best practice are also being explored within the public and private sectors and where	We have identified the need to revisit the ongoing development of staff networks during 18/19	Vulnerable Groups and Central Hub are part of the Stonewall train the trainer training and are sharing this with schools. Also part of a newly set up LGBT school network/ forum alongside schools. We continue to explore other staff networks, a recent staff survey focussed	Following feedback gained from Early Help staff through annual supervisions and formal feedback from head teachers, the Youth Development Service, through funding from the Corporate Management Board, sought to commission an external partner to deliver sessions to give

Page	appropriate,	on staff wellbeing	pastoral, anti-
D E	these will be	and a range of	bullying and
	adopted in	wellbeing	curriculum leads
90	BCBC.	activities are now	in schools the
		available.	knowledge, tools
			and confidence to
		As a result of	train colleagues
		feedback from	on tackling
		the staff survey	homophobic,
		we are	biphobic and
		developing a staf	
		suggestion	ng.
		scheme and	
		within these we	Through a
		have listed	procurement
		Equalities as an	process,
		area for	Stonewall Cymru
		suggestions.	were identified as
			the preferred
			partner and were
			commissioned to
			deliver a Train
			the Trainer
			programme over
			three separate
			dates.
			The Train the
			Trainer
			programme was
			CPD accredited,
			and all
	l		and an

Dane 01						participants received a certificate upon successful completion. Adopting this approach ensured members of school and early help staff were able to cascade training to other staff, ensuring a greater level of sustainability and value for money. Across the three workshops 65 people attended from primary, secondary and third sector settings.
	Monitor our pay and grading structure every three years	An independent body will carry out an EIA every three years to ensure our pay and grading structure remains fit for purpose.	The outcome of the independent EIA concluded that our pay structure: • shows a marginal	The above information remains valid. Workforce report to CEC July 2018. EIA review due 2019	The introduction of the national pay award and new pay spine on 1 April 2019, resulted in the implementation	The Pay and Grading Structure and any corresponding policies are reviewed when required and

	increase in the overall gender pay gap from - 12.64% to - 13.19% predominantl y caused by a change in workforce composition; • has continued to maintain its integrity with employees allocated to grades and no pay gaps of more than 1% in any grade; • overall continues to ensure a non-biased approach to pay in terms of allocation to grades and pay progression.	of new NJC pay and grading structure with effect from 1 April 2019. A gender equality impact assessment was undertaken by NorthgateArniso in May 2018, which concluded that the proposed assimilation and revision to the pay structure: • improved the gender pay gap on a grade by grade basis • demonstrates a narrowing of the overall gender pay gap in basic pay • shows a greater percentage increase in salary
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7				for female	
Review the recruitment and selection processes to take account of the government's Disability Confident campaign	Update our recruitment and selection guidelines and e-learning to ensure that the principles of the Disability Confident campaign are reflected.	The recruitment and selection managers' guidelines have been updated and launched. A new elearning module has been implemented which includes good practice guidance relating to equality in the recruitment process. Further work is progressing on the Disability Confident Employer commitment to assess practice against the standards.	The recruitment and selection guidelines and elearning have been updated to ensure the Disability Confident campaign are reflected.	employees The recruitment and selection guidelines and elearning will continue to be updated where relevant and promoted to staff.	The Access to Work scheme is promoted to all employees and included in the corporate induction protocol. New starters are supported to make application as and when appropriate. The annual jobs fair, delivered in partnership with Job Centre Plus, hosted a large number of employers with a wide range of job opportunities. The event was supported by a BSL interpreter and the first hour of the event was restricted to

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	Take a range of	We will raise awareness	Promotion of the	We continue to	We continue to	The wide range
)	actions to ensure	of the health and	Care First	promote the Care	promote the Care	of resources
•	that employees have	wellbeing advice,	services has	First service to	First service to	available to
	an awareness and	guidance and support	been	staff via an	staff via an	employees and
	understanding of the	available for our	undertaken	ongoing	ongoing	elected members
	variety and extent of	employees by providing	through:	communication	communication	via the EAP and
	support available	quarterly updates		plan and quarterly	plan and	delivered by Care
	through the	signposting them to	briefing	Bridgenders	quarterly	First have been
	Employee Assistance	Care First (an	sessions	newsletter.	Bridgenders	widely and
	Programme,	organisation providing	by the		newsletter.	regularly
	available from Care	counselling related	Care	Three further Care		promoted.
	First.	services).	First	First briefing	We continue to	
			contract	sessions have	monitor quarterly	Additional
			manager;	been held for	usage reports	resources
			monthly	managers,	from Care First.	provided to
			all-staff	facilitated by our		support
			emails/Br	Care First contract	In addition to this	employees during
			idgender	manager.	activity, we	the COVID-19
			s		started offering	pandemic have
			message	We continue to	monthly health	been promoted
			S,	monitor quarterly	check clinics to	on a weekly basis
			including	usage reports from	staff from	via a dedicated
			one from	Care First.	October 2018.	'COVID-19
			the Chief		These checks	Employee
			Executive		include blood	Wellbeing'
			;		pressure and	intranet page. This has included
			• features		cholesterol	
			in the		monitoring and bodimetrics	access to daily webinars.
			2016/17			พยมแลเร.
			editions		measurements.	

		of the Bridgend ers staff newslette r; • intranet pages have been updated to promote the range of wellbeing services available. BCBC receives quarterly reports from Care First on the number of employees accessing the			
		of employees accessing the different			
		services available.			
Objective 4: Menta	health				
What we will do to achieve this objective	How we will we do this	2016/17 Update	2017/18 Update	2018/19 Update	2019/20 Update

Improve the	The council is required	Relationships	Work ongoing with	Since Welsh	This is the first
provision of multi-	to comply with new	with the ABMU	ABMU	Government	year of working in
agency support for	responsibilities under	Delivery Board	ADIVIO	made the	a new region and
people in the county	the new Social Services	l -		announcement in	developing new
1		are developing well and this			
borough including	and Wellbeing (Wales)			relation to the	regional
provision for people	Act. We will develop	work continues		health Board	partnerships with
(including carers and	stronger links with the	to be part of the		boundary change	the Health Board
family) experiencing	health board to develop	service		the Council has	and Local
mental health issues	better integration in our	development		been working	Authorities. A
	day to day services.	plan and		with our new	number of
		Western Bay		Health partners in	discussions and
		partnership		Cwm Taf	workshops have
		working.		Morgannwg.	taken place to
				There are	establish the
				ongoing	ongoing service
				discussions in	and operational
				relation to service	models of support
				models that will	across the
				be delivered in	services including
				the Borough	support for carers
					and families. In
				Vulnerable	Bridgend there
				Groups team	has been
				have trained two	extensive
				train the trainers	engagement and
				in Youth mental	consultation
				health first aid -	undertaken with
				this is being	service users,
				rolled out to all	families and
				schools and	stakeholders to
				those undertaking	develop and
				the 2 day course	implement the

Page 97			report positive impact amongst staff as well as for pupil support. This is a rolling plan to ensure all schools will have at least one mental health trained staff member by December 2019.	new service model for carers, which focuses on voice, choice and control for individuals.
Improving accessibility of / to information, advice and guidance	Significant progress has been made through the development of local community coordination, the service provided through ARC, information provision through DEWIS and infoengine, development of community hubs, the GP referral scheme, the 'Ageing well	Work ongoing with the service	Progress has been made through the local community coordination service, the integrated provision provided through ARC with outreach services being developed in the Borough. Also Information and advice providing through community hubs, links with GP clusters, the	Progress continues to be made across Social Services with the information, advice and assistance service via the MASH for children's and the Common Access Point for adults. In adults this is being prioritised via the availability of Welsh Government transformation

Page 98		in Bridgend' initiative and partnership work to deliver the prevention and wellbeing agenda.	'Ageing well in Bridgend' initiative and other key partnerships working towards the prevention and wellbeing agenda	fund. This will enable the further development of this service over an extended period. The Bridgend Carers Wellbeing Service continues to develop in the county borough and the service continues to support carers through pre- emptive information advice and support Partnership working continues and a performance framework is being developed. BCBC and BAVO are active in the regional social prescribing network across Cwm Taf
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,						Morgannwg region.
	Continue working towards increasing the level of support for people with mental health issues by supporting the Time to Change Wales project and the Western Bay action plan	The council signed the Time to Change Wales organisational pledge in February 2016. The pledge requires the council to meet a number of commitments e.g. to provide management development training and raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing amongst employees.	A mental health e-learning module has been developed to raise awareness amongst employees of mental health issues and to help them identify the many forms, causes and types of mental illness. The module also helps employees understand the different methods for treating mental illness.	Training continues to be available online.	From April 2019 Bridgend will no longer be part of the Western Bay region. Future collaboration will be with Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board.	No longer applicable
	Objective 5: Children	Hamma will me de 45te	204C/47 Um d-4-	2047/40 Undet-	2040/40 Umdsts	2040/20 Um dete
	What we will do to achieve this objective	How we will we do this	2016/17 Update	2017/18 Update	2018/19 Update	2019/20 Update

Continue to develop	The Vulnerable Groups	The Vulnerable	Ongoing	Education and	This area
our Vulnerable	Strategy is a joint	Groups Strategy		Family support	continues to be
Groups Strategy	strategy between our	has been		have established	supported by th
	Education and	approved.		a Vulnerable	Vulnerable
	Transformation and	Outcomes for		Groups Team	Groups team.
	Social Services and	identified		that provides	
	Wellbeing Directorates	vulnerable		integrated	
	and external partners to	groups continue		support a range	
	ensure that, by working	to be monitored.		of pupils	
	collaboratively, the	A multi-agency		identified by	
	educational ambitions,	Looked After		Estyn as	
	aspirations and	Children's		vulnerable or	
	outcomes of children	Education		potentially	
	who are deemed to be	(LACE) Forum		vulnerable:	
	'vulnerable' can be	has been			
	raised to equip them for	established. An		Elective	
	further learning and the	Elective Home		home	
	world of work.	Educated and		education	
		Vulnerable		• Looked	
		Groups Officer		after	
		position will be		children	
		recruited to for a		Children	
		September		missing	
		start. Corporate Parenting		education	
		Committee will		 English as 	
		be asked in July		an	
		2017 to		additional	
		advocate a		language	
		'Champion		Gypsy and	
		Scheme' for the		Roma	
		most vulnerable		Traveller	

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0		excluded
101		pupils
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		The team
		provides
		safeguarding
		support to
		schools. The VG
		team also
		facilitate termly
		Designated LAC
		and safeguarding
		lead forums
		where external
		speakers and
		internal training
		and updates are
		provided. Estyn
		recent inspection
		provided
		extensive scrutiny
		of this provision.
		Feedback was
		broadly positive
		stating the
		service was
		highly effective in
		supporting
		vulnerable
		learners.

Work with the families of children such as Gypsies and Travellers, Syrian refugees and other asylum seekers to encourage them to attend and remain within the education system	We will continue to work in partnership with education welfare officers, family engagement officers and Early Help teams to encourage families of these children to increase their regular attendance within the education system.	47 Gypsy and Traveller pupils have attended 17 schools in Bridgend between September 2015 and July 2016. Their attendance ranged from 64% to 95%. Between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017, 35 pupils received 59 support sessions on a weekly basis in 7 schools.	Our Gypsy and Traveller Education Service will continue to build capacity in individual schools as required.	EAL and GRT service now sits within VG team – continues to support EAL and GRT families. The team also works alongside Home Office to enable the resettlement of Syrian refugees in BCBC	This area continues to be supported by the Vulnerable Groups team. Updates on the progression and well-being of families under the Syrian Refugee Resettlement programme discussed with SWP Hate Crime Officer weekly, Taf Housing and ESOL Lecturer at Bridgend College. Regular engagement with community leader at the local Mosque, to help ensure the wellbeing of Syrian families that are part of the congregation. Support and guidance for

Page 103						Gypsies Roma and Travellers community during lockdown shared with key partners. Regular communication with TGP Cymru for advice and updates.
Develop syster monitor school bullying (victim perpetrators) b protected characteristic	s and	A priority of our anti- bullying network is to develop a consistent approach to identifying, recording and therefore reducing incidences of bullying. The network will utilise internal systems to record and monitor incidences of bullying against the protected characteristics. Schools reporting mechanisms are being considered with a view to developing a single bullying reporting and recording framework.	Following a recommendatio n from the Anti-Bullying Task Group, a pilot utilising the Schools Information Management System (SIMS) behaviour module for schools was agreed. Since roll out, staff from 39 primary and secondary schools have received training and are now	Through the Anti-Bullying Task Group, a behaviour module has been developed using the schools SIMS.net management information system. Within the module is an agreed set of characteristics for the recording/monitori ng of bullying incidents within respective schools.	Another round of training is planned for the new academic year to refresh schools on the SIMS module and to encourage those schools not currently utilising the system to do so. This will allow the authority to have a county wide dataset to inform further training and support needs.	The SIMS module is in use, but as yet is not been mandated for schools to input into. Therefore, the system, while a useful tool for the LA, is not representative of the number of incidents within schools as they continue to record within their own means. The LA ensures that each

Pogo 104			inputting data into this module.	Training on this module has been delivered to key staff within 39 schools (7 secondary and 32 primary). Follow on sessions are being organised to allow schools that have not participated the opportunity, as well as refreshers for those that already attended.	Stonewall support the prevention of LGBT+ bullying in schools and an LGBT+ school network is being developed with the inclusion and schools and Vulnerable Groups teams.	respective schools Anti- Bullying Policy is in date, and where incidents are raised by members of the public, that schools have acted in accordance to their policies. Show Racism the Red Card have delivered workshops in schools throughout the county, promoting an anti-bullying and anti-racism message.
	Raise awareness of the impact of school bullying amongst teachers and support staff	Training will continue to be delivered to teachers and school staff based on identified need. We will continue to work with Actus Education to deliver training to school based staff and teachers including (but	Funding has been identified to commission Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) to deliver workshops to Year 5 & 6	The Youth Development service mapped out specific training needs through engaging with primary school head teachers. 21	Using feedback from schools and Early Help support staff, the Education and Family Support directorate undertook an exercise to	Alongside the regional Hate Crime project, the local authority, in partnership with neighbouring authorities on the Western Bay footprint, have

not limited to); digital literacy, leadership and management, personal social education, mentoring and coaching - all of which are specific and tailored to bullying. We will continue to work with Show Racism the Red Card to provide school based training for teachers, support staff and pupils. Our Gypsy and Traveller Education Service will continue to build capacity in individual schools as required.

pupils for the 2017/18 academic year. The Integrated Working and Family Support service is currently mapping out specific training needs.

primary schools requested workshops to be delivered to their respective Year 5 and 6 cohorts. To cover the demand from schools, a total of 44 workshops were delivered between July 2017 and February 2018.

procure an organisation to deliver training around LGBT+. Stonewall were the successful organisation and have delivered 3 rounds of their Train the Trainer programme to school and support staff.

In total 65 members of staff attended from the following organisations: Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Early Help East, West and North localities, Youth Offending Service, Young Carers. Vulnerable Groups team, Mentor Bro Ogwr, Post-16

used funding to commission
Show Racism the Red Card
(SRtRC) sessions for Year 5 & 6 and a train the trainer session for teaching staff.

The sessions included:

- Resource pack that we can share with other school (post session's delivery)
- Include critical thinking, conflict resolutions, unconscious bias etc.

The school based sessions where delivered in 8 of the 9 identified schools through March 2020, and

Page 106				(Aftercare) and our Inspire 2 projects. Participants will be able to cascade training within their respective establishments to increase the coverage of this training further.	501 young people participated. The last workshop and the train the trainer session have both been delayed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
	Work with parents, schools and the local health board to maximise the potential attendance of children at school	We are aware that some children have complex medical needs and/or are disabled which means that a multi - agency approach is needed. The Education Welfare Service will continue to work closely with health and education professionals in order to agree to an appropriate education plan.	Education Welfare Officers (EWOs) work closely to schools and identify those pupils who have complex medical information. Multi- agency meetings are regularly completed. There is a nominated EWO for alternative provision which includes working with those pupils	Data on EHE now forms part of data collation and sharing that is used to compare school exclusions and attendance.	Data collation and sharing is now embedded to compare school exclusions and attendance.

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Dr	health issues, and
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107	links with health
7	professionals
	including Child and
	Adolescent Mental
	Health Service
	(CAMHS)
	colleagues. In
	addition the Lead
	EWO attends the
	CAMHS and
	complex medical
	multi-agency
	meetings and
	provides advice
	and support.
	The Vulnerable
	Groups (VG) team
	also supports
	children who are
	electively home
	educated and
	offers advice and
	support to enable
	those children who
	want to seek
	appropriate school
	provision and
	offers a point of

Page 108			contact for parents to facilitate meetings at school etc. with school and Education Welfare Service (EWS) where parents have concerns that medical needs are not being met and to ensure these are fully and appropriately addressed by school or complex medical panel or otherwise. The VG and EWS service share good links and will cowork cases and work alongside the appendict medical panel or otherwise.		
			specialist medical needs team.		
ŀ	Consider the	Where a child is not	EAL, minority and	Inputting into	This area
	alternative forms of	attending school for	ethnic groups.	EOTAS reforms	continues to be
	schooling and tuition	reasons other than	Gypsy,Traveller	and provision	supported by the
	available within the	complex needs or	and EHE elective	review – potential	Vulnerable
	education system to	disability, we will work	home educated	impact of	Groups team
	enable children to	collaboratively to identify	children and the	proposed new	through their
	remain within the	the most suitable model	post of Lead	Welsh Gov	Elected Home
	remain within the	the most suitable model	post of Lead	Welsh Gov	Elected Home

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system and receiving	of tuition for the child.		Education Welfare	Statutory	Education
suitable full time	This will involve		Officer will all be	Guidance on	worker.
education in some	considering provisions		located within the	EHE – support	
form.	such as:		VG team and so	Central Hub	
	 Elective home 		there will be	plans to increase	
	tuition;		increased	mental health and	
	 Educated other 		opportunities for	counselling	
	than school		smooth transition	support to	
	(EOTS); and		and support of	Primary aged	
	Building to		these children if	pupils.	
	progress.		their parents do		
			choose for them to		
	Schools will continue to		become EHE.		
	review the cases of non-		There will also be		
	attendance at school via		capability for		
	teacher interventions		suitable support		
	and will engage with the		and robust		
	education welfare officer		monitoring of EHE		
	service for advice and		provision by the		
	further intervention.		VG team where		
			the decision to		
			elect to home		
			educate has arisen		
			due to poor		
			attendance or has		
			led to prosecution		
		1	by the EWS, or in		
			case where there		
			is concern that the		
		1	legal threshold for		
			EHE is not being		
			met or where there		

			are safeguarding concerns. Increased participation with and monitoring of EHE children and increased engagement of EHE community and families including those from other Estyn identified Vulnerable Groups such as minority and ethnic groups, EAL and Gypsy and Traveller families		
Objective 6: Leisure, A					
What we will do to achieve this objective	How we will we do this	2016/17 Update	2017/18 Update	2018/19 Update	2019/20 Update
Increase access to opportunities for older people	We will respond to the 'Ageing Well Plan for Bridgend' and develop services and activities	The over 60's free swimming initiative achieves 80,000	'Move more often' physical activity programme for older adults	The service leads on the Ageing Well plan for Bridgend, which	Ageing Well web resources have been updated including an

that reduce loneliness and isolation, develop skills and employability and help to make Bridgend an age-friendly county. We will link with national programmes designed for older people and also listen to older voices when designing opportunities.

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visits per annum and is among the best performing in Wales. The exercise referral scheme supports people dealing with/recovering from a stroke and Parkinson's disease, as well as those with pulmonary rehabilitation needs and ageacquired chronic conditions. Halo Leisure has supported free access to swimming for armed forces veterans as part of a Welsh Government initiative. The 'Later Life' programme has supported physical activity

developed and Olympage games with care providers. The national free swim programme for over 60's attracted 77,000 participants. Loneliness and isolation initiatives developed with Awen including men's sheds, my sporting day's etc. falls prevention network operational and mobile programme developed. Dementia swimming programme operating. Over 400 older adults hold memberships of Halo Leisure. National Exercise Referral Scheme

supporting older

adults with chronic

will be refreshed in line with the new priorities of the older person's commissioner.

Leisure and cultural opportunities are contributing to the development of age friendly communities. Bridgend continues to perform well with the national over 60 free swim initiative with 77011 visits. Bridgend works with Neath Port Talbot and Swansea councils regularly to deliver the Park Lives programme supporting older adults to be active outdoors. The olympage

Active at Home section and online DVD resources. The pilot programme delivered resources to 170 vulnerable households

Partnership
working with
Shout/older
people's forum on
community
physical activity
opportunities.
Regular
community
programmes
operating and
subsequent move
to on-line access.

Olympage programme has continued to grow and in different settings.
Partners supported with

and exercise in day care, residential care and community settings including the Olympage Games. A successful initiative linking stroke survivors to indoor bowling activities has commenced. The 'Love to Walk' programme supports a volunteer led walking network. There are over 1,200 regular members using facilities on a membership

conditions. Regional working group with AMBU developed as physical activity for older people. Awen provides a range of spaces and community facilities which support older people. Bridgend Community Transport sessions at Maesteg Library to promote their range of services assisting people who are disadvantaged through lack of appropriate transport to maintain an active life. Strictly Cinema on-going project designed to tackle social isolation and ensure older people continue to

activities programme has expanded and now operates in community settings with local community coordinators, for learning disabilities with community hubs and intergenerational activities in leisure and cultural venues. BCBC has delivered a successful programme of dementia supportive activities with partners including BAVO. Alzheimer's, Halo and Awen. The opportunities have included dementia friendly swimming, carers choir and

training and equipment. 12 organisations supported in 2019 event.

Welsh
Government have
reduced
investment into
over 60 free
swimming.
BCBC/Halo have
developed a
modified free
offer and a low
cost offer for the
over 60's.

BCBC successful with Healthy and Active fund submission for Super-Agers programme.
3 years investment commenced.
Project chosen as a Bevan Exemplar.

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enjoy community
activity.
Sessions at Cwm
Calon Day Centre
arranged by
Maesteg Library
continue
successfully and
have reached over
60 people in 2017-
18. Bridgend
Library has worked
with Penybont
Court Care Home
and delivered
interactive
dementia-friendly
readings for the
residents as well
as a singalong with
a ukulele group.
Pencoed Library
now hosts monthly
sessions with
Action on Hearing
Loss to inform the
public about the
availability of free
maintenance for
wearers of NHS
hearing aids (the

dementia supportive schools.

New 750k
wellbeing hub
facilities model
completed at
Bridgend Life
Centre. Includes
improved access
equipment, hydro
fitness
developments,
pool pod access
systems to
expand reach of
services.

Feasibility study completed on a similar approach for Maesteg Sports Centre supported by Integrated Care Funding.

Halo successful in securing lottery investment to continue and expand dementia friendly activity programmes-"feel good for life".

Page 114		first session drew 6 visitors). At Bridgend Life Centre Awen and Halo have worked in partnership to support dementia friendly activity. This includes a weekly dementia- friendly swimming and social group (launched in January 2018). Sessions are now attended by an average of 17 participants (people with dementia and carers).	

Social prescribing and community building role and programmes created with Awen via transformation investment-supporting inclusive community development programmes.

Investment into projects such as "off duty" carers choir, my sporting days reminiscence, dementia dance and cultural olympage opportunities.

New "Care to Co-Operate" programme commenced with Wales Co-Operative Centre

					to establish carers wellbeing co-operatives. Targeting engagement of 200 carers and parent carers. Continued intergenerational activity including training of 70 Bridgend College social care students to support wellbeing programmes.
Improve access for under-represented groups to sport an leisure opportunities	development of new community groups and	The Community Chest grants programme focusses on tackling inequalities and supports projects that benefit gender, age and disability. Partnership working with the Older People's	Girls Network group developed (8 locations) and operating as a charity. 'Getting Bridgend Moving' plan has secured targeted investment to develop community sport and leisure. Community Chest programme has	Community Chest has supported 56 community projects including £5556 investment into tackling inequalities. Partnership with Youth Charter for sport culture and the arts has trained 15 people as social coach leaders to target	Community chest scheme continued to provide support for local projects. New youth support networking developed with youth organisations building on youth

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Forum is developing exercise and activities in a community setting. A network of 'In-Sport' inclusive sports clubs has been developed linked to the Disability Sport Development programme. Disability Inclusion Training (DIT) has been delivered to clubs and leisure providers to better integrate people with disabilities. The Girls **Network Group** led by young girls has achieved charitable status and developed 11 network

community groups. 'Calls for Action' resources via Sport Wales have developed new community groups and activities. There are 12 clubs and organisations meeting the **Disability Sport** Wales 'In Sport' accreditation. BCBC has achieved silver accreditation. The Access to Leisure scheme has supported low cost access to leisure and sports activities with 1339 members. Halo has 676 members stating they have disabilities. Awen is a member of the Hynt

used Tackling

funding to support

Inequalities

disadvantage. A further cohort of 13 people attended Get on Track in partnership with Dame Kelly Holmes Trust.

The Active 4 Life programmes have supported 9769 visits across 12 sites providing free access and in targeted communities.

A new disability sport officer has been appointed and BCBC planning to build on the In Sport silver accreditations currently in place. Community wellbeing programmes have been piloted targeted free

charter work from 2018-19. Workshops and training opportunities supported.

Another "Get on Track" cohort of 12 people supported.

Super-Agers programme commenced with new activator role to support community based activities.

Disability Sport Wales programme reviewed and partnership working with community groups updated.

New disability inclusion network group (BING)

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groups across scheme. Hynt is a schools meals, the county national access looked after children and borough. The scheme that works Calls 4 Action with theatres and young carers. programme has arts centres in 40 schools have enabled groups Wales to make of people with participated, in sure there is a varied consistent offer family active zone available for training to disabilities to support family establish clubs visitors with an and impairment or activity. associations. specific access 1494 people have requirement, and their Carers or engaged in Park Personal Lives outdoor activity Assistants. In 2017/18 Awen programme. issued 388 tickets to 245 Hvnt Halo leisure have scheme members. supported 15326 junior free swims Awen works with during the year. schools to ensure that pupils due to "Changing leave in July 2018 Places" facility at **Bridgend Life** have access to training Centre installed and similar opportunities that may support them accessible in the future. In changing at doing this we will Bryngarw Park be making sure and Pencoed that young library. Awen

created to

support co-

production.

successful

applicants for

Champions of

Wales funding

young people to

challenge gender

stereotyping and

working with

to improve

wellbeing.

Zone

Family Active

programmes to

wellbeing further

developed with

partnerships.

Active 4 Life

programmes

operated in

summer holiday

partnership with

support whole

household

school

Bridgend one of a

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individuals with learning disabilities have as many options available to them which will better their lives in the future and open up windows of opportunities. Baby-change facilities were introduced or upgraded to all Awen venues in January 2018. New 'changing places' facilities are being developed at Bryngarw Park and Pencoed Library. In partnership with Invacare UK these two spaces will have changing beds and hoist facilities.

the Hynt Scheme providing free access to carers whilst Halo have operated the Access to Leisure Scheme. Halo identify 465 people with disabilities as members and 1511 older adults as members. There have been some innovative developments such as indoor bowls for stroke survivors, reband classes for children with autism. Development plan submitted to Welsh Government for Super-Agers

project targeting

older adults.

have operated

town and community councils and halo leisure.

Bridgend piloted holiday hunger support models at 4 locations.

New approach to books at home/mobile library services developed with AWEN to reach more vulnerable people.

Work
commenced on
the
redevelopment of
Maesteg Town
Hall and colocation of
services
recognising
changing places
accessibility
requirements.

Page 119	Review of pricing	We will ensure that a	The Access to	Free after school	BCBC continues	Fundamental review of aquatics /swimming pool programming ,services and investments to broaden the range of services and their inclusivity. The access to
	structures to increase access for marginalised groups	range of low cost and no cost opportunities are available to support access for hard to reach groups and reduce poverty as a barrier to participation in sport, leisure and cultural activities.	Leisure scheme is exceeding participation targets at leisure facilities providing low cost access for over 160,000 people in 2016/17. Structured 'free swimming' opportunities are targeted at disadvantaged communities to ensure 'Every child a Swimmer' targets are	play activities for children and young people with disabilities operated. Pricing is protected within the partnership with Halo including access to leisure scheme and membership fees. Hynt scheme with Awen providing free access for carers. Currently 676 disabled people and 1416 older	to control the annual price increases for protected services that are operated for Halo. The access to leisure scheme for the most disadvantaged is integrated within the review. A range of low cost and no cost programmes are available, some linked to national programmes.	leisure scheme has continued to operate within the county borough. Following the reduction in Free Swimming investment for the over 60's the Access to Leisure scheme has provided low cost continued access to a broader range of activity. Circa 400 older adults have taken up a membership related offer.

pursued. Concessionary membership categories of leisure facilities have protected price increases in line with council policy. The National Exercise Referral scheme has developed lower cost membership options to retain participants beyond the core scheme. Free 'Active 4 Life' holiday programmes are developed for young people in partnership with town and community councils. Children and young people with disabilities have regular

people hold memberships. The access to leisure scheme has supported over 160,000 visits during 2017/18. Pricing is considered as part of the cultural partnership agreement between BCBC and Awen with the aim of balancing service sustainability against achieving social outcomes.

Many activities are universal in nature and are either low cost or no cost and provide accessible opportunities for all Awen continue to operate the Hynt scheme and offer concessionary prices for services and activities.

During 2018-2019 Awen have become the first Welsh library operator to remove library fines, to encourage greater usage.

BCBC directly operates school sport programmes and has partnership agreements with most primary and secondary schools with activities at no cost.

The Park Lives initiative continued to provide free access to activities in the natural environment.

Awen have continued to operate the Hynt scheme providing free access for carers.

The active young people programmes operated in partnership with schools have continued. There has been a focus on the impact of disadvantage and gender on participation. New models developed supporting girls, young carers and

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access to After School Play Club and school holiday 'Discovery Day' programmes, supported by Disabled Children's Team. The 'Level Water' partnership with Halo Leisure supports free 'Learn to Swim' opportunities for children with disabilities. Maintained a low pricing structure after tapered investment to support pre and post-natal activity for women within the community.

looked after children.

Through the support of town and community councils and welsh government resources access to summer programmes were once again free.

Discovery and after school programmes supported 70 households with children/young people with additional needs to access community opportunities.

"Same As" advocacy DVD produced with children and families and

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ט ס						"Take Care" with
						Awen
3	Improve our Equality	We will continue to	The EIA	There has been	Halo and Awen	The major policy
პ ∣	Impact Assessments	improve our use of EIAs	process is	modification of	have	change in year
		when changing or	applied to policy	opening hours at	responsibilities	applied to the
		reviewing our	changes within	some Halo	for conducting	redevelopment of
		approaches to services.	the leisure	facilities that have	their own	Maesteg Town
		Our contracted partners	contract. Joint	required Halo to	equalities impact	Hall.
		(e.g. GLL/Halo Leisure	development of	consult and	assessment. The	An EIA had been
		and Awen Cultural	assessments	engage and	exceptions would	produced as part
		Trust) will also conduct	can be	conduct EIA	relate to library	of the capital
		such assessments and	evidenced using	processes.	provision due to	development
		provide them to	data held by	There have been	the statutory	project but this
		ourselves for approval.	partners (e.g.	no internal service	nature of the	was
		Our focus on EIAs will	programme	modifications	services. BCBC	supplemented by
		be enhanced by	development).	requiring EIA in the	has been	an EIA
		increasing knowledge of	ElAs have been	period.	developing EIA	recognising the
		the different protected	conducted in	Awen Cultural	screening for the	interim relocation
		characteristics and also	relation to	Trust have an	potential changes	of the family
		people with more than	Porthcawl	Equalities Policy	that might arise	history service
		one characteristic.	marina, older	endorsed by its	for the local and	due to the closure
			persons'	Board of Trustees	family history	of Ty'r Ardd. This
			strategy,	Awen Cultural	service and also	was jointly
			aquatics and	Trust have	the mobile library	considered and
			disability	developed an EIA	service.	developed by
			opportunities.	for use in the		BCBC/AWEN
			These are	implementation of	BCBC and Halo	utilising local and
			shared and	major policy	have worked	national insight.
			developed with	changes.	together on	
			BCBC's		assessing Welsh	A second EIA has
					language	looked at

Page 123			Equalities Officer.		swimming provision at the request of the commissioner's office.	modifying the mobile library services to recognise a broader range of equalities groups who might be unable to access resources. Again this EIA was jointly considered and developed. Both policy changes were
						dealt with via Cabinet reporting
	Using existing data to plan services effectively	We will continue to use secondary data collated by partners (e.g. Sport Wales, Arts Council, Welsh Health Survey) but also progressively develop primary data at a county and, where possible, locality level to support planning for services (e.g. membership, postcodes	National survey data provided by Sport Wales has been used to support development planning and to identify gender, disability and age issues. New primary disability	Participation monitoring data is integrated within the balanced scorecard of the healthy living partnership including age, gender and disability. A performance framework has	There are monthly and quarterly performance review meetings and quarterly performance reports are produced. Both Halo and Awen provide a	The Super-Agers programme has utilised population needs assessment, wellbeing plan objectives and logic models to plan for improved outcomes.
		of users, types of protected characteristic). Certain key data will be built into	research has been conducted with pupils at two local	been developed capturing key national and local data linked to	balanced scorecard that reviews population data	reviews have seen BCBC/Halo evaluate a range of data on

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performance monitoring systems including those operated by contracted partners (GLL/Halo and Awen Trust).

schools (YBC and The Bridge). Monitoring of membership information of leisure facilities including demographic profile is being conducted by Halo Leisure including age. gender and disability. There is joint review and benchmarking of national performance data to review priorities for local leisure service development planning.

Getting Bridgend Moving plan. Next phase of national school sport survey data collection has commenced. National Survey for Wales identifies 24% part of clubs (Wales 23%) and 13% involved in volunteering (Wales 10%) Since 2017 Awen has implemented a customer feedback system for all ticketed events across its parks and venues. The feedback provides information that can be used to improve services and experiences for customers. Along with its digital media channels. feedback often includes

alongside business performance. In addition there is annual service development planning that takes into consideration the data from key surveys such as the Sport Wales national sport survey and the National Survey for Wales. In addition, there are national public accountability measures for libraries. leisure facilities and exercise referral that are reported to Welsh Government and utilised in performance planning with benchmarking applied.

targeted
demographic
groups and
patterns,
considerations of
price sensitivity
and also the
needs of carers.
National data
sets and reports
also utilised.

Large numbers of young people attending Active 4 Life engaged on lifestyle and wellbeing issues to provide insight that would inform service planning going forward.

Joint working has taken place between Halo Leisure and Bridgend Carers Centre to better understand the wellbeing needs of carers. Awen

Page 125			comments from those wishing to improve the accessibility which in turn, Awen utilises to plan improvements.	BCBC and Halo have undergone qualitative inspection under Quest UK the quality scheme for sport and recreation. Bridgend achieved the highest score for developing active communities in the UK with a focus on targeted demographic groups.	have supported the carers choir ongoing development and also collated podcast information. The "Care to Co-Operate" approach with Wales Co-Operative can build on this going forward. Bridgend has utilised the "Quest -active communities "framework to benchmark its progress and performance particularly in regards to equalities and inclusion.
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Dago 136						collated an annual report based on its framework of key measures used to inform service development.
						The Active Bridgend planning process was assessed by Wales Audit Office in terms of alignment with Future Generations themes with many positives identified.
	Work with our	We will progressively	Sharing key	There is a strategic	During this year,	Partners mapping
	partners (GLL/Halo	improve our insight into	data between	approach to	there has been	demographic
	Leisure and Awen Trust) to better	gaps in provision for groups with a protected	partners will improve	develop networked groups networks	engagement with disability sport	data to profile users of services
	understand the	characteristic and to	accessibility of	for girls and	groups via the	or memberships.
	diversity of people	determine capability to	local	disability in place.	forum and	
	using leisure, arts	meet needs and who	opportunities.	A networked	discussion with	Exercise referral
	and culture services	may be best placed to	Dementia	approach for older	Halo on aquatic	team working
		do so. This recognises	Friends training	people is	activity	with partners to
		the importance of the	has taken place	developing, linked	programming.	co-produce new
		third sector and	for Halo Leisure	to Ageing Well		approaches to
		supporting its ability to	staff and	plan and local		meet needs-e.g.

meet local needs. We partners. DIT will improve our training has understanding of been delivered diversity within to a range of protected characteristics leisure staff. Halo is (e.g. disability) via ongoing consultation supporting a and engagement and range of development of our community workforce. groups, projects and initiatives for people with a protected characteristic (e.g. rebound trampolining, hydrogym, Girls Network programme, Health Board partnership working etc). A dementia swimming project has commenced development. Bridgend Sharks disability swimming supported via

free swimming

older persons forum. The networks are empowered and supported to develop appropriate opportunities and to be selfsustaining. In Sport programme is supporting workforce development via training opportunities for disabilities. Dementia friends training conducted with front line staff and partners. Awen is developing a better understanding of the diversity of people and their needs through its continued development of social media

channels. These

Positive work has progressed with people living with dementia and cares linked to BAVO and Alzheimer's Society.

The local community coordinators have increased the volume and range of older adults accessing facilities and services and to help the understanding of needs.

There has been a positive example of intergenerational work linked to Olympage programmes that has been trialled, bringing older adults and

mobile falls prevention in care settings, joint care programmes with health board.

Halo work with parent carers of children/young people with autism has developed autism friendly swimming programme.

Continued work with carers to develop carer friendly opportunities that enhance wellbeing and meet needs.

Supported by Family Engagement Programme investment (healthy and active fund) development of

Aroui	provide a conversational platform to engage with individuals. Such engagements have led for example to changes to accessible play provision and access to walk ways at Bryngarw Park.	primary school children together. A range of network groups have been developed with a protected characteristic. These include disability, girls, older adults and work is developing with carers to better understand wellbeing support needs. Where programmes are developed that captive learning and insight, a series of digital stories and case studies are produced to share across networks.	support progressing for young carers and looked after children. Continued growth of opportunities for older adults, carers and people living with dementia via dementia swimming, dance, creative activities.(Both Halo and Awen supporting these programmes.) Use of digital stories and case studies continuing to support service development and planning. Super-Agers programme engaging with older adults to

Daga 130						understand barriers to participation-e.g. housebound, transport, digital exclusion etc.
	Work with our partners (GLL/Halo Leisure and Awen Trust) to identify any gaps in employees' knowledge and identify training solutions	Equality and diversity training will be available to a range of staff via formal training programmes and elearning approaches which will be integrated within partner training frameworks as well. Core training will be supplemented by specific, more detailed modules where appropriate.	Equality and diversity training has been formalised within the Halo Leisure employee development programme. A suite of elearning resources has been established for Halo employees. BCBC has been developing a toolkit for coaches and instructors to support people with disabilities. Later Life training has upskilled 45	Core staff (BCBC) are supported via corporate training including elearning. Joint training approaches have been taken forward – Asset based community development, Quest modules. BCBC and Halo reviews of equalities impact assessment approaches. Halo has their own corporate elearning resources. All Awen Cultural Trust staff have been issued with mandatory on-line training modules in	The active young people service has participate in workforce development evaluation across the central south region and is leading on developing an impact tool based on work with targeted populations. There is a joint approach to developing training opportunities that support programme operation (e.g. carers, dementia). The disability play	The Quest programme now supports cross organisational training and joint service planning. Growing support from broader third sector to support learning and insight (e.g. carers, alzheimers, mental health organisations.) Co-production approaches being applied to development of new services, programmes e.g swimming, therapeutic

Page 13	people to deliver physical activity interventions to older adults.	Equalities & Diversity. Specialist dementia training	service has shared its knowledge of complex needs	activities linked to wellbeing hubs
130	older adults.	dementia training has been carried out at Awen venuesAll staff at both WOOD-B and B-LEAF are now trained in epilepsy awareness. The need was identified following the diagnosis of a trainee. Awen reacted quickly to ensure that they are in a position to support and respond and put in place required courses of action should the need arise. This training	complex needs and autism with deliverers of holiday activities. The quest accreditation process has seen joint evaluation of workforce skills and knowledge across partnerships. E- Learning resources are in place and there have been some bespoke resources developed also (e.g. dementia, vulnerable	
		has been extremely beneficial and could be potentially life- saving.	groups). The venues operated by Halo and Awen are used regularly to host training and development for	

				Third Sector and community groups to ensure consistency between partners (e.g. schools, clubs, charities).	
Work with our partners (GLL/Halo Leisure and Awen Trust) to identify any marketing and promotion opportunities to better promote services within our communities	We will use traditional and digital marketing approaches to improve communication with people with a protected characteristic. In particular we will continue to develop our use of social media and web based information whilst recognising those who are digitally excluded. We will build on direct marketing approaches, improve our database of community partners and further develop relations with our communities.	A database of community clubs and associations is maintained and includes inclusive organisations. Key opportunities have been promoted via the Dewis national database. Halo Leisure can evidence a strong approach to digital marketing and social media use. The Ageing Well website is nearing	The third sector has been supported to update infoengine. Sport leisure and cultural information has been provided for the Dewis website. An ageing well Bridgend website has been developed and care and repair supported to develop online falls prevention advice.	Collaborative marketing of holiday activities and Active 4 Life programmes social media utilised to support campaigns such as National Carers Day and Fostering Week. National programmes such as Hynt promoted to support carers. Continued use of digital stories to promote programmes and achievements (e.g. mobile falls prevention, same as/disability plan).	Joint approaches to communications planning on partnership programmes or projects developed (e.g. changes to free swimming opportunities, redevelopment of facilities and services.) Halo and Awen have strong digital communications platforms and approaches. Halo and Awen services

π	completion and	Sharing of data	identifiable within
Page	includes details	and performance	Ageing Well in
ge	of leisure	targets is an	Bridgend web
	opportunities	established way	resources.
132	and case	of working as	resources.
	studies. The	partners.	Cross fertilisation
	'Piece of the	partiters.	of digital stories
	Action' website	The work with	and media
	also features a	network groups	messaging
	suite of inclusive	helps to co-	between BCBC
	case studies	design activities	partners and
	that profile	and opportunities	targeted network
	locally available	for equalities	groups.
	opportunities.	groups.	groups.
	Halo Leisure	groups.	Community
	has supported a		Information
	number of		Ambassadors
	events with the		network being
	community		developed across
	linked to the		the third sector to
	LV20 project.		promote support,
	2 v 20 project.		services and
			opportunities.
			Development of
			on line activity
			resources has
			progressed e.g.
			halo at home,
			active at home,
			creative at home
			with AWEN and

					shared promotion of resources. Ageing Well calendar created featuring wellbeing advice, partnerships and services and 4000 copies distributed.
Objective 7: Data					
What we will do to	How we will we do this	2016/17 Update	2017/18 Update	2018/19 Update	
achieve this					
objective					
Ensure that our staff	We will ensure that our	Between	Between February	Between	Between
are aware of and use	managers and staff	February 2016	2017 and January	February 2018	February 2019
relevant internal data	responsible for	and January	2018 the council	and January	and March 2020
e.g. customer	producing EIAs are fully	2017 the council	produced four full	2019 the council	the council
databases and	aware of the need to	produced nine	EIAs and 42 EIA	produced six full	produced eight
consultation	use robust and reliable	full EIAs and 42	screenings.	EIAs and 33 EIA	full EIAs and 68
feedback as well as	internal and external	EIA screenings.	Full EIAs are	screenings.	EIA screenings.
relevant external data	data. This will help the council to make	Full EIAs are	published	Activity related to	An Equality
e.g. the National	informed decisions and	published	alongside the Cabinet / Council	Activity related to the number and	An Equality
Survey for Wales and the Census when		alongside the Cabinet /	reports to which	nature of EIAs	Impact assessment
drafting Equality	ensure reports we produce accurately	Council reports	they relate. Activity	undertaken by	annual report
Impact Assessments	represent the services	to which they	related to the	the council	continues to be
(EIAs) and other	we provide and those	relate. Activity	number and nature	continues to be	presented to
relevant / annual	who receive them. We	related to the	of EIAs undertaken	reported to	Cabinet
	will also produce a	number and		Cabinet	Capillet
reports	wiii aiso produce a	number and	by the council is	Capillet	

Page 134		concise list of data sources which will be published internally and made accessible to all staff.	nature of EIAs undertaken by the council is reported to Cabinet Equalities Committee annually.	reported to Cabinet Equalities Committee annually.	Equalities Committee annually.	Committee Equalities.
	Collect and analyse equality data as part of all public consultations	We will ensure the equality monitoring questions we use (based on Welsh Governments standards) are used in every public consultation exercise. We will use the equality data we collect to identify the protected characteristics of those that engage with us and also to identify where the gaps in our engagement lie.	Qualitative and quantitative data collected from public consultations is gathered and reported via Final Consultation Reports. These reports and the key data obtained are published on the council's website and are used to inform and support reports to Cabinet, enabling Elected Members to	Equality data continues to be included in all public consultations and key data is published within consultation reports on the council's website. Demographics are gathered as part of Citizens' Panel information and inform our strategy for Citizens' Panel development.	Equality monitoring continues to be included in all public consultations. Services use the equalities information gathered to complete Equality Impact Assessments, alongside the consultation report.	Equality monitoring continues to be included in all public consultations. Relevant information is shared with services to help inform their EIA.

		make robust and transparent decisions.			
Collect equality data as part of our complaints processes	We will ensure that our equalities monitoring questions continue to be based on the standards set by Welsh Government. We will ensure they remain relevant and that they are used in our complaints processes.	Seven Equality Monitoring Forms have been received over the last twelve months. Equality Monitoring Forms are sent out with Formal Complaint Forms if requested and with the Complaint Handling Satisfaction Questionnaires on a six monthly basis. Relevant data is collected. Most complaints received by the council are informal.	17 Equality Monitoring Forms have been received over the last twelve months. Equality Monitoring Forms are sent out with Formal Complaint Forms if requested and with the Complaint Handling Satisfaction Questionnaires on a six monthly basis. Relevant data is collected. Most complaints received by the council are informal.	10 Equalities Monitoring Forms have been received over the last 12 months. The Equality Monitoring Form is part of the online corporate complaints form which people can complete if they choose. The relevant data is collected by the Complaints Team. Most complaints received by the council are informal.	Four Equalities Monitoring Forms have been received over the last 12 months. The Equality Monitoring Form continues to be part of the online corporate complaints form which people can complete if they choose.

Undertake EIAs	We will undertake	Please see	Full EIAs are	EIAs are	The EIA toolkit
whenever we review,	robust and meaningful	above for EIA	published	monitored on an	and guidance is
or introduce a new	EIAs using accurate, up	data.	alongside relevant	annual basis and	available on the
policy	to date and relevant data, to ensure that the likely impact (positive, negative or neutral) is clear and can be addressed.		Cabinet reports. The Equalities team has reviewed the EIA toolkit and provides support to service areas to ensure EIAs are robust and meaningful.	reported to Cabinet Equalities Committee. The Equalities Team are able to offer advice to services where needed to ensure EIAs are carried out appropriately.	staff intranet to ensure managers are aware of their responsibilities when complying an EIA. EIAs are monitored on an annual basis and are reported to Cabinet Committee Equalities.
					Full EIAs accompany Cabinet Reports and are available to view on the BCBC website.
Ensure feedback is available to all consultees	We will ensure that people with whom we consult and engage with are able to access the outcome of the consultation (positive or negative) e.g. on our website. Consultees will	The council uses best practice outlined by Participation Wales and also the Gunning Principles when publishing final	Reports continue to be published on the website. The consultation team are reviewing their post consultation processes to	All public consultations give respondents the opportunity to tell us that they would like to be informed of the outcome of the	Public consultation respondents continue to be asked if they would like to be informed of the outcome of

	be able to see how their feedback has influenced the decision making process.	consultation reports. People who have contributed to consultations are able to access the outcomes by viewing the consultation report and the corresponding Cabinet report - both of which are published on the council's website.	include infographics for public consultations.	consultation. Where requested information is sent to respondents following the consultation. Details of the consultation, outcomes and next steps are shared on the closed consultation page of the website. For Citizens' Panel members we produce an annual "You saidWe did" Citizens' Panel newsletter.	consultations, and where relevant information is shared when the consultation report is publically available. Details of consultations, outcomes and next steps are shared on the closed consultation page of the website.
Improve the collection of employee equality data	We will take actions to enable and encourage employees to complete and or update their personal data (being mindful that they are under no obligation to respond).	Employees who are desktop users have been provided with access to the self-service system, enabling them	The Equalities team and HR team meet to discuss equalities issues/ joint working and data management to ensure methods of engaging with	We continue to gather equalities data for all new employees. We continue to promote the employee self-	Equalities data is gathered for all new employees and we continue to promote the employee self-service system to encourage

Page	to update their	the workforce to	service system to	existing staff to
9 DE	personal and	provide equalities	encourage staff	complete/update
	sensitive	information are	to	their personal
138	information.	regularly reviewed.	complete/update	data.
88	Employees		their personal	
	have been		data	The annual
	reminded to		data	appraisal process
	review and			reminds
	update self-			employees of
	service with any			their ability to
	missing/out of			update data.
	date information			upuate data.
	(being mindful			
	that staff are			
	under no			
	obligation to			
	provide			
	sensitive			
	information). All			
	online job			
	applicants have			
	completed			
	equalities			
	questionnaire as			
	part of the			
	standard			
	application			
	process			
	(recognising			
	that this			
	information is			

confidential and

Page 139		not used as part of the recruitment process).		

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES

7 OCTOBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

UPDATE REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WELSH LANGUAGE (WALES) MEASURE 2011 AND WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS

1. Purpose of report

1.1 This report updates the Cabinet Committee Equalities (CCE) on the implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards.

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

- 2.1 The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and subsequent Welsh Language Standards impact upon the work of the whole council. The standards link to the equalities agenda, form a key component of the council's Transformation Programme and Customer Charter 'Our Promise', and links to the following corporate well-being objectives:
 - Priority 2: Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient enabling people to use the language of their choice by ensuring our systems and
 front line services are delivered bilingually. Ensuring that bilingual systems enable
 people to better equipped to manage situations themselves and the council services
 can concentrate on those in greatest need.
 - Priority 3: 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 Since the council received its compliance notice from the Welsh Language Commissioner in 2015, progress towards implementing the 171 assigned standards has continued.
- 3.2 Updates on compliance have been provided at every CCE since 28 April 2016. Those reports are referenced as background documents to this report.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 Key progress/updates with compliance since the last update report can be summarised as:
 - a) Each year the Welsh Language Commissioner annually monitors the user experience by testing specific services, including correspondence, telephone,

website and reception services. BCBC were part of the random sample of organisations selected to be monitored by the Commissioner's office during 2019/2020. We received the results of the monitoring exercise on 12 August 2020 and have prepared a response to the Commissioner on the findings. The response outlines relevant actions we have taken to ensure compliance with the areas that need to be addressed.

- b) On 21 August 2020 the Welsh Language Commissioner has issued a statement to all local authorities. The purpose of the statement was to share the findings of the investigation conducted into Flintshire County Council with other councils to ensure that we are aware of the duty to comply with standards when arranging for third parties to provide services and activities on our behalf.
- c) BCBC were invited to and attended the launch event for the Welsh Language Commissioner assurance report on 15 September 2020. Here the commissioner held a short online event to present the findings of his assurance report for 2019/2020. The report was published on the day of the event. An update on the assurance report will be provided to Cabinet Committee Equalities in November 2020.
- d) One new complaint has been received as detailed below:
 - The Commissioner has received a complaint from a member of the public on 14 August 2020 regarding the fact that the standard of the Welsh language in the update 'Diweddariad Covid-19: Ailagor canolfannau hamdden a phyllau nofio fesul cam ym Mwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr' is lower than the equivalent update in English. The update was received via e-mail from bridgendcbc@public.govdelivery.com on 13 August 2020.

In the complaint, the complainant identified the following issues:

- The word 'cysgodi' was used in the text of the update, but 'gwarchod' in the corresponding infographic
- 'Addysg a gofal plant cynnar' is used in the text of the update, but 'addysg gynnar a gofal' on the corresponding logo
- He asked why the paragraph on 'Cynnig Gofal Plant Cymru' notes the year 2017
- He asked how VJ Day is linked to adoption, as an infographic about VJ day is placed above a paragraph about adoption

Initial information has been sent to the Commissioner in relation to this complaint.

- e) Previous complaints update:
 - The Commissioner received a complaint from a member of the public on 14 January 2020 regarding the Welsh text on the bottom of the voting card sent to the electorate for the General Election of 12 December 2019. The complainant was of the opinion that "Os rhoi dychwelyd i'r" was not the correct translation of "If undelivered return to". The commissioner also stated that it appears that the address for returning the card is in English only (Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB). The council has provided a response to the Commissioner stating that the council is not the responsible body for maintaining the Register of Electors or sending polling cards to

registered voters. These functions are the responsibility of the Registration Officer and the Returning Officer whose roles are independent of the council. The commissioner has decided not to carry out an investigation into this complaint as the returning officer is not subject to the statutory duties and therefore there is no 'relevant requirement' under section 71 of the Welsh Language measure.

• The Commissioner received a complaint from a member of the public on 16 October 2019 regarding an automatic email the complainant received from the Council acknowledging a council tax payment. The email was sent from the email address <u>AUTOMAILER@E-PAYCAPITA.COM</u>' and the same email template was the subject of complaint CSG616. The complainant alleged that the Welsh version contains errors. This has now been fully addressed. The commissioner has been reassured of the actions taken by BCBC and the third parties involved in the management of the database systems to correct the errors identified.

5. Effect upon policy framework & procedure rules

5.1 There is no effect upon the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 This is an information report. As such, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

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

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation

9.1 That the Cabinet Committee Equalities receives and considers this report.

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Date: 7 October 2020

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Background papers:

- 28 April 2016 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards;
- 14 July 2016 Welsh Language standards annual report 2015/16;
- 14 July 2016 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards;
- 10 November 2016 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards;
- 9 March 2017 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards;
- 13 July 2017 Welsh Language standards annual report 2016/17:
- 13 July 2017 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards;
- 23 November 2017 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards.
- 22 March 2018 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards.
- 16 July 2018 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards.
- 19 November 2018 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards.
- 26 March 2019 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards.
- 04 July 2019 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards.

- 26 November 2019 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards.
- 24 August 2020 Update report on implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) measure 2011 and Welsh Language standards.

