

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CORPORATE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 JANUARY 2017

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Corporate Plan 2016-2020 – reviewed for 2017-18

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present to committee the Council's reviewed Corporate Plan 2016-20 for 2017-18 for consideration (attached).

2. CONNECTION TO CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN / OTHER PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The Corporate Plan sets out the Council's priorities for 2016-20 and defines the Council's commitments for 2017-18. It also sets the Council's well-being objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and outlines how the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and other strategic plans will support the Council's core business and priorities.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020 was published in March 2016, setting out three new priority themes (improvement objectives under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009), associated aims and success measures. It also identified commitments to deliver those priorities in 2016-17. The Council needs to review and define its commitments for 2017-18.
- 3.2 In April 2016, the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (the Act) came into effect. The Act places a duty on each public body to carry out sustainable development. In carrying out sustainable development, public bodies must, among other things:
- set and publish well-being objectives;
 - take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives; and
 - publish a statement about well-being objectives.

4. CURRENT SITUATION / PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The current corporate plan has been reviewed for 2017-18. The review has focused mainly on:
- updating the Council's commitments and success measures for 2017-18
 - defining and integrating the Council's well-being objectives into the Plan
- 4.2 The Council's vision, values, principles and priorities remain unchanged from the current plan.

- 4.3 The three priorities are the Council's improvement objectives under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and wellbeing objectives under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Well-being Statement, required by the Act, is embedded into the Plan. The commitments are the steps the Council will take to deliver the integrated improvement and wellbeing objectives in 2017-18. The plan also sets out how the objectives make a contribution to the seven national wellbeing goals.
- 4.4 The success measures for each aim have been reviewed for 2017-18 to ensure they link closely to the commitments. Some new indicators are identified for 2017-18. For those new measures, wherever possible indicative targets have been set.
- 4.5 Financial information is yet to be incorporated into the Plan, because the Council's budgets are yet to be set.
- 4.6 The Committee's comments on the reviewed Plan will be considered when it is finalised for Cabinet to consider on 20 February 2017 and for Council to approve on 1 March 2017. In line with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, the Plan must be published by 31 March 2017.
- 4.7 Once approved, the Plan will replace the current Corporate Plan. The delivery of the plan will be monitored through the Corporate Performance Assessment process, through directorate management team meetings and through this Committee.

5. EFFECT UPON POLICY FRAMEWORK & PROCEDURE RULES

- 5.1 The Council's Corporate Plan forms part of the Policy Framework.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 A full equality impact assessment was undertaken when the Plan was developed. Consideration was given to the potential impact on protected groups within the community and on how to avoid a disproportionate impact on people within these groups. Separate EIAs will be undertaken when proposals for carrying out the plan are developed and implemented.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None in this report.

8. RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 That the Committee consider the reviewed Corporate Plan 2016-2020 for 2017-18.

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Background Documents - None