

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO CABINET EQUALITIES COMMITTEE

9 March 2017

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2017 - 2018

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet Equalities Committee approval for a proposed Forward Work Programme for 2017 – 2018 (appendix 1).

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 The Forward Work Programme supports the committee in monitoring the council's equality duties, broadens the committee's understanding of local and national equalities issues and supports the council's Strategic Equality Plan, Customer Care Programme and compliance with the Welsh Language Standards.

2.2 This report also supports the following corporate priorities:

- Priority 2: Helping people to be more self-reliant;
- Priority 3: Smarter use of resources.

3. Background

3.1 The remit of the Cabinet Equalities Committee is wide ranging. An annual Forward Work Programme allows the committee to consider key national and local equality issues alongside its regular business items.

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1 Appendix 1 sets out a proposal for the committee's regular business items and key equality issues to be considered from March 2017 to March 2018.

4.2 The proposal is based on:

- the strategic equality objectives in the Strategic Equality Plan 2016 – 2020 such as improving community relations in the county borough;
- ongoing monitoring of the Welsh Language Standards' implementation, including providing updates on service developments;
- suggestions from the committee;
- national and local equality issues, including the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme;
- established reporting arrangements for the Welsh Language Standards and Strategic Equality Plan;
- consideration of other council priorities and external reports.

4.3 The 2016/17 Forward Work Programme included an agenda item on the Gypsy and Traveller Community in Bridgend for 9 March 2017. The council was unsuccessful in arranging for a representative of the Gypsy and Traveller Community to attend the Committee to present a report. This item has, therefore been deleted and replaced with the report on the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme with the agreement of the Committee Chair.

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

Whilst no Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out, this forward Work Programme will positively support the authority in meeting its equality duties.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications within this report.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That Cabinet Equalities Committee approves the proposed Forward Work Programme 2017-18.

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