

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO THE TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

13 MARCH 2017

### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

#### REVIEW THE TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILS' (TCCs) CHARTER ACTION PLAN

##### 1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the development of the Action Plan of the Town and Community Councils (TCCs) Charter's, seek approval for the actions proposed for inclusion in the Action Plan and agree the Action Plan going forward.

##### 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The Charter and its supporting Action Plan will provide the opportunity to assist in the achievement of all of the following Corporate Priorities:

1. **Supporting a successful economy** – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.
2. **Helping people to be more self-reliant** – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
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 At the Town & Community Council Forum meeting on 18th July 2016, the Mayors and Chairpersons of each of the Town & Community Councils were invited to sign the new TCC Charter at the official signing ceremony held in the Council Chamber.
- 3.2 During the revision of the Charter, it was agreed that an Action Plan would be reviewed at each meeting of the TCC Forum. This would ensure that priorities could be identified and managed appropriately. All Councils will be able to identify items for inclusion on the Action Plan and monitor the progress made throughout the year.
- 3.3 The TCC Forum has previously agreed that:

- Bridgend CBC will nominate a lead officer for the development and monitoring of the Action Plan.
- The work plans for the relevant service areas in Bridgend CBC will reflect the Action Plan.
- The Action Plan will be discussed and updated at each forum meeting, and the Charter and Action Plan will be reviewed annually in order that it remains a valid tool for the partnership.

3.4 Possible topics for inclusion on the Action Plan were previously identified as follows:

- i. A list of services to potentially be devolved to TCCs
- ii. SLAs put in place for services transferred supported by a tapering funding scheme from 3 to 5 years
- iii. The Charter should be developed to provide performance/standards of service indicators
- iv. Community Asset Transfer and other programmes and projects

#### **4. Current situation / proposal.**

4.1 The Charter Action plan is presented to each meeting of the TCC Forum for review.

4.2 Members of the Town and Community Council Forum are requested to propose items for inclusion in the action plan on the partnership's objectives and priorities.

#### **5. Effect Upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

5.1 There is no impact on the Council's policy framework or procedure rules.

#### **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

#### **7. Financial Implications.**

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### **8. Recommendation.**

8.1 It is recommended that the Town & Community Council Forum:

- a. Note:the report and propose items for inclusion in the action plan
- b. Approve the updated Charter Action Plan attached as Appendix 1.

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**Background documents** – None