

REPORT TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES BRIDGEND CBC LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLANNING POLICY WALES (EDITION 10)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Welsh Government is proposing to revise Planning Policy Wales in light of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Planning Policy Wales has been restructured into policy themes around the well-being goals and updated to reflect new Welsh Government strategies and policies.
- 1.2 This report informs Members a Draft Planning Policy Wales: Edition 10 is out for consultation with responses expected by 18 May 2018. Full details of the consultation can be found using this weblink:

<https://beta.gov.wales/planning-policy-wales-edition-10>

2 Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The delivery of the County Borough's statutory planning function has links to the Council's corporate priorities in particular number 1 – supporting a successful economy.

3. Background

- 3.1 Planning Policy Wales (PPW) is the national land-use planning policy document for Wales. It is used by Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) to inform policies and land-use allocations in Local Development Plans (LDPs) and it is a material consideration for decision makers in determining individual planning applications. PPW sets out the land use policies of the Welsh Government and provides the context for land use planning in Wales.
- 3.2 The current format of PPW has changed very little since it was first published in 2002 with each chapter dedicated to one or more theme or topic. These chapters outline the Welsh Government's strategic objectives for these areas, set the policy context and describe key issues, identify areas which LDPs should address locally and outline matters which should be taken into account when planning applications are decided.
- 3.3 When the Planning (Wales) Act, the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (WFG Act) and the Environment (Wales) Act were being developed, a commitment was given to restructure PPW so it more clearly evidenced the legislative requirements of Acts.
- 3.4 The legislative requirements set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act mandate improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It requires public bodies (including the Welsh Government and Local Planning Authorities) to think about the long-term, to work better with people and communities, to look to prevent problems and to take a more joined up approach to deliver sustainable development.

- 3.5 The planning system is one of the main tools to create sustainable places. It is the main way the planning system can contribute to the successful implementation of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act. Everyone engaged with or operating within the planning system must embrace the concept of placemaking in both plan making and development management decisions in order to achieve the creation of sustainable places.
- 3.6 Placemaking is a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces. Placemaking capitalises on a local community's assets, inspiration and potential, with the intention of creating developments that promote people's health, happiness and well-being. It is therefore central to the wider objectives of the WFG Act.
- 3.7 The consultation seeks views on the new structure of PPW, the placemaking concept and the new or revised policy requirements. The consultation paper outlines the changes and should be read alongside the draft PPW – Edition 10.

4. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

- 4.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act are:
- A prosperous Wales
 - A resilient Wales
 - A healthier Wales
 - A more equal Wales
 - A Wales of cohesive communities
 - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
 - A globally responsible Wales
- 4.2 The duty has been considered in the production of this report.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The Local Planning Authority's response to the consultation will be reported to Members in due course.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 That Members note the content of this report and Draft Planning Policy Wales (Edition 10).

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Background documents
Link to the WG consultation provided above