# **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

# **REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

## 19 DECEMBER 2018

# **REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **APPOINTMENT PROCESS: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide Council with information about the recruitment of the Chief Executive.

### 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

2.1 The appointment to the post of the Chief Executive, in the capacity of Head of Paid Service is required to facilitate the achievement of corporate priorities.

### 3 Background

- 3.1 The position of Chief Executive has become vacant following the resignation of the current post holder whose employment will terminate on 6 January 2018.
- 3.2 Due to the timescales it has not be possible to recruit on a permanent basis prior to this date and the post will be filled on an interim basis until the permanent appointment is made.
- 3.3 A recruitment process will need to be undertaken in compliance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

#### 4. Current Situation/Proposal

- 4.1 The council will engage professional support to undertake executive search and assessment for this role to ensure that it is marketed widely and then a robust appointments process is followed.
- 4.2 The position will be advertised early in the New Year and and it is proposed that the process following receipt of applications is as follows:
  - Appointments Committee to receive feedback from recruitment specialist and agree long list of candidates to attend the assessment centre
  - Assessment centre held for longlisted candidates comprising a managerial/technical interview with an external expert; psychometric testing and interactive assessments.

- Appointments Committee to receive feedback on the results of the assessment centre and interview candidates who have demonstrated that they possess the attributes required for the position.
- Appointment Committee to determine shortlist of candidates to go
  before Council
- Council to receive presentation from candidates and determine by way of vote which candidate is appointed to the post. This may require an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be convened.

## 5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

5.1 None.

## 6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 The process adopted is intended to ensure that there are no equality implications in this process.

## 7. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

7.1 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 costs associated with this process will be met from within existing resources.

#### 9. Recommendations

9.1 That Council approves the recruitment process as set out at paragraph 4.2

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