

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

19 MARCH 2019

REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TRANSITION OF REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME

1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Seek approval to formally withdraw from the Western Bay Regional Collaborative Committee;
- Seek approval to formally join the Cwm Taf Regional Collaborative Committee;
- Nominate and appoint a Cabinet Member to the Cwm Taf Regional Collaborative Committee.

2.0 Connection to corporate improvement objectives/other corporate priorities

2.1 The Supporting People Programme and membership of a Regional Collaborative Committee assists in the achievement of the following corporate priorities:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Welsh Government Supporting People Programme Grant (SPPG) Guidance requires each Local Authority to be a member of and participate in a Regional Collaborative Committee (RCC).

3.2 Each RCC is required to meet a minimum of four times per year. There are 6 RCC's across Wales:

- The Vale & Cardiff
- Gwent
- Mid & West
- Western Bay
- Cwm Taf
- North Wales

3.2 Each RCC has a coordinating Local Authority, who employ a Regional Development Coordinator (RDC) whose role is to provide administrative support to the RCC. All Local Authorities are expected to participate and support the work of RCC's.

3.2 Membership of an RCC is made up of each Local Authority (elected members and/or officers), Health, Probation, support providers (long and short term services) and Public Health Wales. There must be equal representation of key groups, e.g. the number of Local Authority members should be equal to the number of support providers.

3.3 Co-opted members, additional officers, the RDC, a representative of the Supporting People National Advisory Board and Welsh Government officials will be able to attend RCC's, but will not have voting rights.

3.2 The aim of an RCC is to provide advice, strategic direction and scrutiny at a regional level for SPPG expenditure. Without executive powers or functions RCC's inform and advise Welsh Government and the Cabinet Secretary on regional and local delivery and compliance with the SPPG, linking in with Regional Partnership Boards, Planning Boards and other RCC's to enable a joined up approach. Issues RCC's advise on include:

- Regional and local delivery / compliance with grant conditions and guidance.
- Needs mapping
- Commissioning practices, including coordinating commissioning.
- Appropriateness and Quality of services against national outcomes
- The involvement of service users in shaping provision
- Making recommendations to Welsh Government on local and regional spend plans.

3.3 Each RCC is required to hold a Regional Spend Plan and Regional Strategic Plan, which must be reviewed annually. These documents are shared with Regional Partnership Service Boards and Welsh Government.

4.0 Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 A member of the Supporting People Team and the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations currently represent the Authority, alongside representatives from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and the City and County of Swansea Council at the Western Bay RCC.
- 4.2 In June 2018 the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services announced that from 1st April 2019 the responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County area will transfer from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf University Health Board.
- 4.3 Health / Public Health Wales are members of each RCC. In order to align partnership arrangements for Bridgend County Borough Council it is proposed that in line with the Health Board boundary change Bridgend CBC transition from the Western Bay RCC to Cwm Taf RCC, thereby joining Merthyr County Borough Council and Rhondda Cynnon Taf Borough Council.
- 4.4 In November 2018 the Chair of the Cwm Taf RCC invited the Authority to attend the remaining Cwm Taf RCC meetings for the 2018/19 financial year as observers, with a view to Bridgend CBC formally joining Cwm Taf RCC from April 2019.
- 4.5 At the Cwm Taf RCC meeting on 11th February 2019 members agreed in principle to adopt the new name of Cwm Taf Morgannwg RCC to reflect the new regional footprint.
- 4.6 Approval from Cabinet is now required to formally serve notice to leave the Western Bay RCC and accept an invitation to join the Cwm Taf Morgannwg RCC from 1st April 2019 in line with the Health Board boundary change.
- 4.7 It is proposed that a Cabinet Member be appointed to attend and participate in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg RCC and that where Cabinet nominates on the basis of a Member's role within the Authority, the appointment be attached to the role and not to the individual Member.
- 4.8 An appointment will be made with the assumption that the appointee represent Bridgend CBC. Should the appointee cease to be a Bridgend County Borough Councillor, they will cease to represent this Authority and are expected to relinquish their appointment as necessary.

5.0 Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 There is no effect upon policy framework and procedure rules.

6.0 Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7.0 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

7.1 The report contributes to the following goals within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A globally responsive Wales

7.2 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. 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.

8.0 Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9.0 Recommendation

9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- Approve the Authority's withdrawal from the Western Bay Regional Collaborative Committee and grant approval to formally join the Cwm Taf Regional Collaborative Committee in line with the Health Board boundary change;
- Nominate and appoint a Cabinet Member to the Cwm Taf Regional Collaborative Committee.

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Background documents:

Supporting People Programme Practice Guidance 2018

<https://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/180730-supporting-people-programme-practice-guidance-2018-en.pdf>

