

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

19 MARCH 2019

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING

HEALTH BOARD BOUNDARY CHANGE - UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides an update to Cabinet in terms of the current situation with regards to the Health Board boundary change in April 2019. Cabinet is requested to:

- note the approach and progress made to date;
- note the regional name changes;
- agree the nomination of membership to represent Bridgend County Borough Council on the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Partnership Board and to delegate the appointment of any non local authority and non health board members of the Regional Partnership Board to the nominated members of the Council in conjunction with representatives of the other Local Authorities and the Local Health Board;
- approve the list of services transferring in April 2019 and those that are transitioning through 2019/20.
- delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Social Services and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and Head of Legal and Regulatory Services, to enter into any necessary agreements to novate or transfer all ongoing contractual arrangements with ABMU to Cwm Taf Health Board.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 This report has links to all the corporate priority/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 On 13th December 2017, Welsh Government commenced a consultation entitled 'Effective Partnership Working in Bridgend, Proposed Health Board Boundary Change to align decision-making across Health and Local Government'. The consultation closed on the 7th March 2018.
- 3.2 The consultation sought views on a proposal that healthcare services for people in the area of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) should be provided by Cwm Taf University Health Board (Cwm Taf) instead of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU) to align decision-making across health and local government.
- 3.3 The Welsh Government stated that in order to best meet people's needs and expectations, to secure the best outcomes for people locally, regionally and in Wales, public services need to be able to work together effectively. While boundaries should not be a barrier to delivering the outcomes Wales needs, unnecessary complexity, especially in decision-making, can make this more difficult and limit opportunities to serve the public even better.
- 3.4 The intention of the change is to provide clarity and consistency for more effective leadership and partnership; supporting the ambitions of BCBC in its strategic partnership arrangements for local authority functions as part of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. It is set in the context of ongoing ambitions for effective efficient and high quality health services across South Wales and consistent with broader ambitions for resilient and renewed local government.
- 3.5 On 14th June 2018, Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services confirmed that, following consultation, ".....the Health Board boundary should be changed in accordance with the proposal. I consider that an expeditious timeline would prevent prolonged uncertainty for staff, patients and in the on-going development of key partnership arrangements. Therefore, my intention is for the boundary change to take effect from 1 April 2019. The Welsh Government will continue to work with the Health Boards and other partners as preparations for the boundary change are developed and the relevant legislation will be brought forward in due course." This means that from 1st April 2019 Local Authority and Health services in Bridgend and a number of local authority regional partnership arrangements will be moved from the Western Bay Region to the Cwm Taf Region.
- 3.6 This announcement has a significant impact on existing service delivery arrangements which required a disaggregation of existing health services from ABMU Health Board to Cwm Taf. This involved:
- the transfer of existing primary, community and secondary health services (including Princess of Wales Hospital) which requires the untangling of existing care pathways that are aligned to other primary, community and secondary care services in ABMU Health Board;
 - the transfer of what is estimated to be in the region of 4000 ABMU Health Board employees to Cwm Taf Health Board;
 - Maintaining the safe delivery of services during a transitional handover process associated with the transfer of health services and related care pathways;
 - Ensuring support services and associated resources such as finance, health information, legal and human resources are all aligned to the new Health Board arrangements.

- 3.7 As from 1st April 2019, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board will be known as Swansea Bay University Health Board and the Western Bay region will be known as West Glamorgan region. Similarly, Cwm Taf University Health Board will be known as Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board and the Cwm Taf region will be known as Cwm Taf Morgannwg region. When referring to anything post April 2019, this report will refer to the new regional names.

4.0 Current situation/Proposal

- 4.1 From a local authority perspective, whilst the disruption to general services may not be as significant as that experienced by the Health Boards, the boundary changes impact on a number of BCBC services. BCBC has been a crucial partner to the Western Bay Health and Social Care Regional Programme and therefore, from a local authority perspective, critical work has been undertaken to protect Bridgend services during this potentially disruptive time and to secure continuity in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region after the 1st April 2019. Therefore, it has been essential that BCBC adopt a structured approach to the disaggregation of regional services which has required close working with a range of partners to ensure that where regional funding supports integrated services, such services are accounted for between Western Bay, ABMU Health Board and BCBC.

Governance

- 4.2 In planning for the changes to regional boundaries, a Transition Programme was established which includes, at various levels, officers from the two Health Boards, BCBC and the Third Sector.
- 4.3 The governance structure is attached at **Appendix 1** and shows the overarching Boards plus the work streams that support the Transition Programme. BCBC representation is as follows:
- Joint Transition Board – the Leader/Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing and the Chief Executive/Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing
 - Joint Transition Programme Group – Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing
 - Work Streams – all relevant service areas within BCBC are linked in to their counterparts in the various work streams.
- 4.4 From 1st April 2019, the governance structure for the new partnership arrangements will be through the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Programme Board.

Partnership Work Stream

- 4.5 Most of what impacts on BCBC is included in the Partnership Work Stream. This has been chaired by the Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing in Bridgend and comprised officers from both Cwm Taf and Western Bay regions, the Third Sector and representation from other relevant work streams. The key work of this group has been to provide an agreed schedule of services to transfer, to ensure that appropriate work takes place to meet the transfer date and to monitor risks and issues related to this.

- 4.6 Supporting the Partnership Work Stream, BCBC established an internal Task and Finish Group. Officers from all relevant areas across the council sat on this group, ie, Legal, Finance, HR, Property/Estates, Housing, Education and Family Support, Adult Social Care and Children's Social Care.
- 4.7 Regular work stream highlight reports and risk logs have been presented to the Transition Programme Group which in turn reported into the Transition Board.

Principles

- 4.8 A set of principles were agreed by partners at the onset to underpin the work of the Transition Programme and form the basis by which all partners would hold themselves and each other to account for delivery of the required changes. Two key principles are:
- Continuity of the quality and delivery of patient care will be central to all actions and decision-making.
 - Both Health Boards will work together and with Welsh Government to ensure that neither population nor organisation is disadvantaged by the operational or financial consequences of the changes.
- 4.9 The principles were set in the context of a commitment to maximise the opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of the population served by the organisations. The document is attached at **Appendix 2** and the Partnership Work Stream has its own set of principles which are based on this.

Third Sector

- 4.10 The importance of the Third Sector in the delivery of services is crucial and this has been recognised as part of the transition process and discussions have been held with the Chief Executive of BAVO to ensure all relevant information has been shared. BAVO is represented on the Partnership Work Stream and the Transition Programme Group.
- 4.11 The Third Sector in Bridgend works in partnership with the local authority and the Health Board and any impact on Third Sector organisations due to the boundary changes have been considered as part of the Partnership Work Stream. A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive of BAVO providing reassurance that all partners are working closely with both Health Boards to make sure that there is continuity of service for the Third Sector and the population of Bridgend. A joint event between the two Health Boards, BCBC and BAVO was held in January 2019 to ensure an effective platform for communication both in leading up to April 2019 and in moving forward during 2019/20.

Workforce

- 4.12 Regular highlight reports have been presented to the Transition Programme Group on workforce and there has been regular communication with the health HR leads. A staffing schedule was developed with ABMU which listed all posts that were currently working in partnership with the ABMU Health Board and would continue to do so. No BCBC posts were subject to TUPE transfer into Cwm Taf Morgannwg.

- 4.13 Formal consultation with potentially affected health staff was launched on 10 September 2018, with meetings and a series of engagement events supported by directors and workforce and organisational development staff. The consultation closed on 1st December 2018 and transfer arrangements have been progressed.

Estates

- 4.14 The Partnership Work Stream has ensured that all shared accommodation utilised by BCBC and ABMU was reviewed. BCBC is represented on the Estates work stream to ensure that any legal and financial arrangements were considered as part of the transitional planning. It has been agreed in principle that all current arrangements will not be adversely affected by the planned boundary changes.

Finance

- 4.15 All joint funding arrangements between BCBC and ABMU have been identified. This includes jointly funded staff costs, accommodation costs and care placement/package costs. It is estimated that BCBC currently receives more than £5m from ABMU in relation to these arrangements. It has been agreed in principle that any jointly funded financial arrangements will not be adversely affected by the planned boundary changes and transitional plans. It has been highlighted that not all ABMU budgets that fund some of these arrangements will transfer to Cwm Taf. Therefore, BCBC will continue to have joint funding arrangements in place with both Swansea Bay and Cwm Taf Morgannwg regions after the health boundary changes take effect.
- 4.16 Western Bay currently receives various regional revenue grants from Welsh Government on an annual basis such as integrated Care Funding (ICF) and Substance Misuse Action Funding (SMAF). These grants are allocated via the Health Boards but the criteria is clear that they have to be approved by the regional partnership arrangements. These regional grants have been disaggregated to separate out the Bridgend locality apportionment which would then go to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region in time for the new financial year 2019/20.
- 4.17 The Partnership Work Stream has worked to ensure that the disaggregation of grants is done in a fair, open and transparent way, and agreement has been sought from the two Regional Partnership Boards. The table below shows the breakdown of grants and disaggregated amounts for the Bridgend locality:

Grant Funding 18/19	Total Western Bay Funding	Bridgend locality disaggregated amount to transfer to Cwm Taf in 19/20
ICF Revenue	£8.425m	£1.988m
Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF)	£3.624m	£939k

- 4.18 Welsh Government have made available an additional £30m of ICF revenue funding across Wales in 2019/20. It has been estimated that this will equate to approx. £1.3m for the Bridgend locality. Also, ICF Capital allocations for the Bridgend locality transferring from Western Bay to Cwm Taf has been identified as follows:

2019/20	£1.5m
2020/21	£1.8m

- 4.19 BCBC currently has two pooled fund arrangements with ABMU, specifically, Community Services and Assisted Recovery in Community (ARC) Services. It is not envisaged that there will be any adverse financial implications for these pooled funds due to the boundary change but changes will need to be made to the legal agreement to reflect the change in Health Board as the new partnership will be between BCBC and Cwm Taf and not BCBC and ABMU. However, there is ICF funding linked to the community services pooled fund and this will need to be considered as part of the disaggregation of grant funding mentioned above.
- 4.20 There are other joint arrangements and partnership working within the Western Bay region that may not include the Heath Board, which are also being considered as part of the transitional planning. Each arrangement is being considered on its own merits and will not necessarily mean that the services will need to transfer to Cwm Taf in the short term.

Services in Scope

- 4.21 A schedule of those services in scope has been developed, updated and monitored through the Partnership Work Stream and the Joint Transition Programme Board. It includes the detail of:
- those services transferring into the new region on 1st April 2019;
 - those services which will stand alone in BCBC while further work takes place with the new Cwm Taf Morgannwg region to join up these services where relevant; and
 - those services that will need a longer period of preparation and, therefore, a transitional year is proposed due to, for example, existing contract arrangements.
- 4.22 Below is an extract of the schedule setting out the services referred to above:

	Service / Information	Arrangements pre April 2019	Arrangements post April 2019
1	Advocacy for children and young people - regional contract following national approach	Western Bay regional service until 30 th April 2019	Cwm Taf Morgannwg regional service from 1 st May 2019
2	Area Planning Board (APB) - Substance Misuse	Partnership arrangements with Western Bay	Partnership arrangements with Cwm Taf Morgannwg
3	Assisted Recovery in the Community (ARC)–Pooled Fund	Section 33 Agreement with Western Bay	Section 33 with Cwm Taf Morgannwg
4	Caswell Clinic – Forensic Mental Health service	Agreement across the South Wales Region (16 Local Authorities)& ABMU	No change
5	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service liaison officer service	Western Bay regional arrangement	SLA with Western Bay for transitional year
6	Community Services – Intermediate Care Services	Partnership agreement with Western Bay	Partnership agreement with Cwm Taf Morgannwg
7	Community Services - Joint Community Equipment Store	Section 33 in place with ABMU and Cwm Taf Health Boards	Section 33 in place with Swansea Bay & Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Boards
8	Integrated Autism Service	Arrangements with Western	SLA back to Western Bay

		Bay	until 2020/21
9	Integrated Family Support regional service - Intensive support for parents with substance misuse issues	Regional arrangements with Western Bay	Transition through 2019/20 with intention of joining Cwm Taf Morgannwg
10	Multi Agency Placement Support (MAPSS)	Western Bay regional arrangement	SLA with Western Bay for transitional year
11	Regional Adoption service	Western Bay regional arrangement	Transition through 2019/20
12	Regional Collaborative Committee for Supporting People	Western Bay regional arrangement	Cwm Taf Morgannwg regional arrangement
13	Safeguarding - Regional Safeguarding Boards – Adults and Children	Regional arrangements with Western Bay	Regional arrangements with Cwm Taf Morgannwg
14	Social Care Workforce Development Partnership - sector training and development	Partnership arrangements and regional grant with Western Bay	Partnership arrangements and regional grant with Cwm Taf Morgannwg
15	Western Bay Carers Partnership Board	Western Bay Carers Partnership Board	Cwm Taf Morgannwg Carers Partnership Board
16	Youth Offending Services Youth Offending and prevention of offending services	Western Bay regional arrangements	BCBC stand alone 2019/20

Regional Partnership Arrangements:

- 4.23 The Health Board boundary change will have a significant impact on regional partnership arrangements prescribed under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (“the 2014 Act”). Part 9 of the 2014 Act requires local authorities to make arrangements to promote co-operation with their relevant partners and others in relation to adults with needs for care and support, carers and children. Section 166 of the 2014 Act enables Welsh Ministers to make regulations requiring a combination of local authorities and Local Health Boards to enter into partnership arrangements for carrying out specified functions prescribed by the 2014 Act. Those regulations have been made by way of the Care and Support (Partnership Arrangements for Population Assessments) (Wales) Regulations 2015 (“the Assessment Regulations”) and the Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2015 (“the Partnership Regulations”).
- 4.24 The Assessment Regulations require Local Health Boards and local authorities to enter into partnership arrangements for the purpose of carrying out their functions under section 14 of the 2014 Act. Section 14 requires local authorities and the respective Local Health Board to jointly undertake an assessment of the needs of the local population for care and support, support for carers and preventative services. It also requires an assessment of the range and level of services which are required to meet these needs. Under the Assessment Regulations, BCBC are currently required to enter into partnership arrangements with ABMU Health Board, Swansea City and County Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. Following the Health Board boundary change the Assessment Regulations will be amended to require Bridgend County Borough Council to form partnership arrangements with Cwm Taf Health Board, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.
- 4.25 The Partnership Regulations provide for the establishment of seven regional partnership boards based on the footprint of local Health Boards. Under the

Partnership Regulations BCBC is presently prescribed to form part of the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board with ABMU Health Board, Swansea City and County Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. When the Health Board boundary is changed, the Partnership Regulations will require amendment for BCBC to form part of the newly constituted Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Partnership Board with Cwm Taf Health Board, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

- 4.26 Part 9 of the 2014 Act, the Partnership Regulations and statutory guidance issued under Part 9 of the 2014 Act (“the Guidance”) require local authorities to enter into partnership arrangements for specified functions with their regional partners. The Partnership Regulations require partnership arrangements to be made by the partnership bodies under the direction of their Regional Partnership Board. The Regional Partnership Boards are also required to develop and coordinate formal or informal partnership arrangements and determine the most appropriate structures for ensuring the provision of integrated services. To facilitate partnership working the 2014 Act, Partnership Regulations and Guidance allow local authorities and Local Health Board to carry out specified functions on behalf of the other partnership bodies taking part in the same partnership arrangement. The Guidance stipulates that written agreements need to be developed for any partnership arrangements which involve a delegation of functions.
- 4.27 The Partnership Regulations require the establishment of pooled funds in relation to the exercise of care home accommodation functions, the exercise of family support functions and functions that will be exercised jointly as a result of an assessment carried out under section 14 of the Act or any plan prepared under section 14A. The Guidance requires that partnership arrangements involving pooled funds be regulated by written agreements between the parties.
- 4.28 On 31st August 2018 Welsh Government carried out a consultation exercise on the proposed amendment to the Assessment Regulations and Partnership Regulations. The proposed amendment regulations will enact the change in regional partnership board areas to account for the Health Board boundary change. The proposed amendment to the Partnership Regulations also includes, amongst other things, a limit to the pooled fund requirement for care home accommodation functions to care home accommodation for older people, a requirement for regional partnership boards to produce regional commissioning strategies in relation to care homes and a requirement for housing representation on regional partnership boards.
- 4.29 As a member of the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board, BCBC has entered into a number of formal and informal partnership arrangements with its partners in Western Bay region. Those arrangements are included in the list at paragraph 4.22 above. The above legislative changes will require that BCBC disaggregate from those arrangements and enter into similar such arrangements with its newly prescribed partners within the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region under the direction of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Partnership Board. BCBC currently has two pooled fund partnership agreements in place with ABMU – one relating to Integrated Community Services and the other to Assisted Recovery in Community (ARC) Services. BCBC also has an ongoing pooled fund arrangement in place with ABMU and Cwm Taf Health Boards in respect of Integrated Community Equipment Services. Formal Cabinet approval will be sought to continue and transfer those

arrangement and further approval sought when required for any new regional partnership arrangements.

Regional Partnership Boards (RPB)

4.30 As referred to above, Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 requires that regions have regional partnership boards in place to enable the provision of integrated care and support services. The objectives include:

- responding to the population assessment required by the Act;
- implementing area plans produced in response to that assessment: and
- promoting the establishment of pooled funds where appropriate.

4.31 BCBC has been a pro-active partner of the Western Bay Regional Health and Social Care Partnership Board and has taken a lead role in various areas. The Leader, Cabinet Members, Chief Executive and Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing are all members on the Board and officers from BCBC lead a number of regional projects. Work is now taking place to withdraw from the Western Bay RPB.

4.32 Cwm Taf Region has a similar set up to the former Western Bay region, ie:

- Regional Partnership Board (RPB)
- Transformational Leadership Group (TLG)
- Area Planning Development Implementation Group (APDIG)

BCBC has now been invited to sit on these Boards as preparation for the transition in April 2019 when Bridgend will become a full partner. In preparation of Bridgend partners joining the Cwm Taf region a review of the partnership arrangements has commenced. An initial review day was held on 7th February 2019 which has resulted in a revised vision, principles and governance document being agreed. These documents are currently being drafted and will be put to Cabinet for approval when completed. An action plan has now been developed which will be worked through jointly during 2019/20.

4.33 The Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help and the Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing sit on the current Cwm Taf RPB in a shadow capacity. The Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing sits on the TLG and the Heads of Service sit on the APDIG.

4.34 Heads of Service and Group Managers meet regularly with officers from the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region on, for example, Community Services, Integrated Family Support Services, Mental Health and Safeguarding.

4.35 The Group Manager, Commissioning and Contract Monitoring attends meetings with Cwm Taf Morgannwg to ensure plans are in place for BCBC to join the Cwm Taf Morgannwg pooled fund for care homes arrangements.

4.36 The Group Manager, Commissioning and Contract Monitoring and Finance representatives from BCBC attend meetings with Cwm Taf Morgannwg, to ensure the necessary arrangements are in place for BCBC to join the Cwm Taf Morgannwg pooled fund for care homes, in accordance with legislative requirements. BCBC representatives are also working closely alongside our regional partners in order to review and refresh the Cwm Taf Morgannwg regional area plan, which will set out our

regional priorities and opportunities for integration in respect of health and social care services, moving forward from April 2020.

Public Service Board (PSB)

- 4.37 In the Cwm Taf region, there is one PSB covering Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr local authorities. In the former Western Bay region, however, there were three separate PSBs, one for each local authority area (Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend). A joint workshop has been held between Bridgend PSB and the Cwm Taf PSB to discuss the way forward and a consensus has been reached for two separate PSBs to remain in place for 2019/20 with further discussions planned to agree the longer term way forward.

Cwm Taf Health Board

- 4.38 Currently, the Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing is a member of the ABMU Health Board and is the regional Social Services Director representative.
- 4.39 The Cabinet Member, Social Services and Early Help has recently become an associate member of the Cwm Health Board and the Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing will sit on the Executive Team.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

- 5.1 There is no impact on the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6 Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics and no further assessment is considered appropriate at this stage.

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

- 7.1 The implementation of the duties and responsibilities under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) (SSWBA) 2014, in turn, supports the promotion of two of the seven goals of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 within the County Borough of Bridgend. By promoting an environment that maximises people's physical and mental well-being and by supporting children, young people, adults and their carers and families to fulfil their potential no matter what their circumstances, the wellbeing goals of a Healthier and more equal Bridgend and Wales are supported.
- 7.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales. Promoting the right of an individual to be involved in the development and provision of support and services, to encourage feedback and to enable a person to make a complaint about the support or services they receive contributes to ensuring the Authority works to deliver wellbeing outcomes for people. The following is a summary to show how the five ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been considered in this report:
- Long Term – Social Services is demand led and the SSWBA focusses on sustainable prevention and wellbeing outcomes for the future. There is a

requirement to meet the needs of people in the longer term and, because of rising demographics and increasing complexity, the remodelling and transformation of services continues to be a priority. The change to Health Board Boundary will continue to support this.

- Prevention –new approaches in line with the SSWBA, for example, the provision of information, advice and assistance to enable people to remain independent for as long as possible will continue. This will ensure that need is anticipated and resources can be more effectively directed to better manage demand.
- Integration – the implementation of the SSWBA requires local authorities to work with partners, particularly the NHS and the Police, to ensure care and support for people and support for carers is provided. The report evidences that work between local authorities, the health board(s) and the Third Sector will continue thereby enabling people to remain linked to communities, and work with young people to enable access to employment.
- Collaboration – The collaborative approaches described in the report, are managed and monitored through various regional collaborative boards, for where there is cross sector stakeholder representation at both political and officer level. The strategic planning and local delivery of integrated support and services are developed and agreed at a regional basis in order to provide the best possible intervention to people.
- Involvement – the key stakeholders are the people who use social care and health services. There is considerable engagement including surveys, stakeholder meetings, feedback forms and the complaints processes. The provision of accessible information and advice helps to ensure that the voice of adults, children and young people is heard.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 The financial implications are included within the body of the report.

8.2 Funding to support the transitional work streams has been secured to the value of £180k in 2018/19. This is made up of £100k from Welsh Government and £80k from ABMU Health Board. This is being used to provide dedicated project management, finance and legal support to this process.

9.0 Recommendation

9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- note the approach and progress made to date;
- note the Regional name changes;
- agree the nomination of the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, the Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help, the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Future Generations and Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing to represent Bridgend County Borough Council on the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Partnership Board and to delegate the appointment of any non-local authority and non-health board members of the Regional Partnership Board to the nominated members of the Council in conjunction with representatives of the other Local Authorities and the Local Health Board;
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11. Background Documents
None