

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CABINET

16 APRIL 2019

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

#### CABINET, CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING AND CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES

##### 1. Purpose of Report .

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a. seek approval for the schedule of meetings of Cabinet, Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and the Cabinet Committee Equalities for the period May 2019 – April 2020.
- b. propose Children’s and Equalities Champions who will chair the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and the Cabinet Committee Equalities.
- c. confirm the process for nomination of Champions from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.
- d. seek approval of the invitees to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Equalities as nominated by each of the political groups represented on Council.

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

2.1 The meetings of Cabinet and the Cabinet Committees Corporate Parenting and Equalities provide a forum of participation and debate to progress the Corporate Plan and 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 The proposed dates for Cabinet, Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and Cabinet Committee Equalities and Joint Committee meetings will be reported for noting in the proposed schedule of meetings to be reported to the Annual Meeting of Council on 15 May 2019. This prevents meetings dates of Cabinet, Council or their Committees conflicting with each other.

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

#### **4.1 Cabinet**

4.1.1 Meetings of Cabinet proposed below, are planned to continue on a four weekly cycle with meetings commencing at 2.30pm.

4.1.2 The proposed schedule of Cabinet meetings for the period May 2019 – April 2020 is as follows:

2019	2020
21 May	21 January
18 June	11 February
18 September	18 February
23 July	10 March
17 September	7 April
22 October	
19 November	
17 December	

#### **4.2 Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting**

4.2.1 The proposed Schedule of meeting dates for the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting is detailed below:

Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting
29 May 2019
4 September 2019
11 December 2019
4 March 2020

4.2.2 It is proposed that the Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help be appointed as the Lead Member for Children and Young People and Children and Young People Champion. It is therefore appropriate that the portfolio holder be appointed as the Chairperson for the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.

4.2.3 Cabinet at its meeting on 5 September 2017 established the principle of appointing one invitee from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees as Corporate Parenting Champions together with the Chairperson of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2, which takes the lead on social services items as invitees to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting. Reports will be presented to the first meetings of each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees seeking the appointment of invitees to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting. Cabinet at its meeting on 5 September 2017 also approved the appointment of the Group Leaders of the Independent Alliance, Conservative, Plaid Cymru and Llynfi Independents Groups or their nominated substitute to represent their political groups at meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting. A report will then be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet to advise of the Corporate Parenting Champions appointed by each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

4.3 Cabinet Committee Equalities

4.3.1 The proposed schedule of meeting dates for the Cabinet Committee Equalities is detailed below:-

Cabinet Committee Equalities
4 July 2019 28 November 2019 19 March 2020

4.3.2 The Cabinet Member Wellbeing and Future Generations (the portfolio then known as the Cabinet Member Childrens Social Services and Equalities) was appointed by Cabinet at the meeting on 10 May 2016 as Lead Member for Equalities. It is appropriate that the portfolio holder continues to be the Equalities Champion and be appointed as the Chairperson for the Cabinet Committee Equalities.

4.3.3 Following discussion with the Group Leaders, the following nominations have been received to sit as invitees on the Cabinet Committee Equalities on the basis of 4 Labour Group Members, 2 Conservative Group Members, 2 Independent Alliance Group Members and 1 each from the Llynfi Independents and Plaid Cymru Groups:

**Cabinet Committee Equalities - 10 Invited Members**

	<b><u>Political Group</u></b>	<b><u>Councillors</u></b>
1	Labour	Councillor SE Baldwin
2	Labour	Councillor JE Lewis
3	Labour	Councillor J Gebbie
4	Labour	Councillor G Howells
5	Conservative	Councillor K Rowlands
6	Conservative	Councillor S Vidal
7	Independent Alliance	Councillor S Dendy
8	Independent Alliance	Councillor E Venables

9	Llynfi Independents	Councillor T Beedle
10	Plaid Cymru	Councillor JC Radcliffe

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

- 5.1 There will be no direct effect on the Policy Framework & Procedure Rules but, if approved, the report will provide a sound structure for Executive decision-making, improve corporate planning within the Authority and provide greater accessibility and understanding for the residents of the County Borough.

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

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

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

- 7.1 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. Financial Implications.**

- 8.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

## **9. Recommendations.**

- 9.1 That Cabinet approves the schedule of meeting dates for Cabinet, Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and the Cabinet Committee Equalities meetings for the period May 2019 – April 2020 as outlined in Paragraphs 4.1.2, 4.2.1 and 4.3.1 of the report.
- 9.2 That the Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help be appointed as Lead Member for Children and Young People, Children and Young People Champion and Chairperson of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.
- 9.3 That the process for determining the invitees for the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting as outlined in paragraph 4.2.3 be approved.
- 9.4 That the Cabinet Member Wellbeing and Future Generations be appointed as the Equalities Champion and as Chairperson of the Cabinet Committee Equalities.
- 9.5 That Cabinet approve nominations of the invitees to the Cabinet Committee Equalities on the basis of 4 Labour Group Members, 2 Conservative Group Members, 2 Independent Alliance Group Members and 1 each from the Llynfi Independents and Plaid Cymru Groups.

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