

# **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2**

**5 JUNE 2019**

### **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

#### **NOMINATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY PANEL**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request the Committee to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

##### **2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.**

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2018–2022 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The Corporate Improvement Objectives adopted by Council on 22 February 2018 and formally set out the improvement objectives that the Council will seek to implement between 2018 and 2022. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees engage in review and development of plans, policy or strategies that support the Corporate Themes.

##### **3. Background.**

- 3.1 From 1 April 2016, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 introduced statutory Public Services Boards (PSB) across each local authority area in Wales. PSBs work together to improve the social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being of the board's area. The Act specified that one Committee take an overview of the overall effectiveness of the Board which this Authority determined to carry out via a PSB Scrutiny Panel which is now proposed to sit under the remit of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 The purpose of the Panel is to review and scrutinise the efficiency and effectiveness of the PSB and its decisions as well as the governance arrangements surrounding it. The Panel will hold up to two meetings a year and will make reports or recommendations to the Board regarding its functions, with the aim of enhancing its impact. These recommendations are to be presented to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval prior to submission to the Board.
- 3.3 A copy of any report or recommendation made to the Public Service Board must be sent to the Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales.

3.4 The membership of the PSB Panel is determined annually and incorporates three Members from the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, one Member from each of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees and counterpart representatives that sit on the Public Service Board.

#### **4. Current Situation / proposal.**

4.1 The Committee is asked to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

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

5.1 The work of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

#### **6. Equalities Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

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

7.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long-term - The establishment of the PSB Panel will assist in the long term planning of the business of the Council by the continuation of effective relationships with other organisations to improve wellbeing in Bridgend County now and in the future.
- Prevention - The PSB Scrutiny Panel will monitor the Public Service Board's objectives and priorities within the Wellbeing Plan which address underlying causes of problems and prevent them getting worse or happening in the future.
- Integration - The report supports all the wellbeing objectives.
- Collaboration - The PSB Panel supports partnership working with other organisations both locally and regionally.
- Involvement - The PSB Panel will maintain a relationship with other Organisations through effective partnership working and act as a critical friend to ensure the PSB are involving

citizens of Bridgend when making decisions that affect them.

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **9. Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

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## **Background Documents**

None