

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM
29 JULY 2019

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**MTFS 2020-21 TO 2023-24 – UPDATE AND BUDGET CONSULTATION 2019 -
ENGAGEMENT WITH TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Town and Community Council Forum on the MTFS 2020-21 to 203-24 and to inform them of the MTFS 2019 Budget Consultation process, with the aim to improve engagement with Town and Community Councils and local residents.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priorities:

- **Priority 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.
- **Priority 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.
- **Priority 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 In conjunction with this report a presentation on the MTFS 2020-21 to 2023-24 will be given to set the scene for future years' savings requirements and budget pressures.
- 3.2 Each year the council carry out a consultation with the public around the MTFS proposals for the following year(s). In 2018 the consultation team engaged with 5288 residents through a variety of mechanisms such as face to face engagement, online and paper surveys, social media and the councils Citizens' Panel.
- 3.3 We aim to ensure that the consultation is as wide reaching as possible, and are continuously looking for ways to engage with the public and improve participation.
- 3.4 Prior to the consultation in 2018 we wrote to all Town and Community Councils to inform them of the consultation, however feedback suggested we could improve this

engagement by attending Town and Community Council meetings to deliver presentations, and encourage further survey completions. This could include the use of clicker pad presentations to allow interactive engagement in meetings.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 The proposed timeframe for the MTFS 2019 Budget consultation is 09 September 2019 to 03 November 2019.
- 4.2 This year we will be asking the public to give their views on a range of budget options, which are set to have a significant impact given the savings that we are required to make over the coming four years.
- 4.3 Posters, leaflets and business cards giving details of the public consultation will be made available to council members and TCCs.
- 4.4 Town and Community Councils will be provided with the electronic link to the consultation as well as paper copies where requested.
- 4.5 The consultation will be available in a variety of formats, including online and paper, easy read, youth version and via clicker pads.
- 4.6 During the live period BCBC officers will be available to attend meetings throughout the county borough. The Consultation and Engagement team will liaise with Town and Community Council Clerks to arrange these meetings.
- 4.7 The Consultation, Engagement and Equalities team will develop a calendar of events for the live period, so all requests to attend meetings or events should be made as soon as possible. Events will not take place after the closing date of 3 November 2019.
- 4.8 The MTFS 2019 Budget Consultation Report will be presented to Cabinet on 17 December 2019.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

- 5.1 There are no proposed changes to the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 This is an information report. As such, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

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

- 7.1 This is an update report, therefore a Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015) assessment has not taken place in order to prepare this report.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation

- 8.1 That the Town and Community Council Forum receives and considers the MTFS presentation and this report and gives consideration to engagement, during the live budget consultation period.

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Background papers:

None