

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

23 OCTOBER 2019

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Council's Annual Report 2018-19 (**Appendix A**) for Council to consider and approve.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives /Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following 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 According to the [Shared Purpose Shared Future](#) statutory guidance (SPSF: 2) for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, individual public bodies must annually review the progress of their well-being objectives and publish a report to assess the extent to which these objectives contribute to the 7 wellbeing goals in accordance with the sustainable development principal.
- 3.2 Under section 15 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and in accordance with the related statutory guidance issued by the Welsh Government, the authority must publish its assessment of performance for the previous financial year before 31 October.
- 3.2 In March 2018, the Council published its Corporate Plan 2018-22. The Plan sets out its vision, that is, always to act as 'One Council working together to improve lives', and its three corporate improvement priorities, also known as well-being objectives. The Plan also reiterates the well-being objectives for 2018-19.
- 3.3 The Plan defined 40 commitments to deliver the three well-being objectives and identified 58 outcome-focused indicators for the financial year 2018-19.

3.4 The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) identified how it would best use its resources to support the achievement of the well-being objectives and statutory duties, including the management of financial pressures and risks over the next four years.

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1 The Annual Report, prepared under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, evaluates how well the Council did in 2018-22 in delivering its commitments and planned outcomes for the financial year, using its success measures and other evidence.

4.2 Overall, the Council performed well in 2018-19. Of the 40 commitments 35 (88%) were completed successfully and the remaining 5 (12%) achieved most of their milestones.

4.3 The Corporate Plan identified 58 indicators to measure success. Of the 56 indicators with a target, 37 (66%) are on target, 9 (16%) are off target by less than 10% and 10 (18%) missed the target by more than 10%. Detailed information about the Council's performance against its commitments and targets is included in **Appendix A**.

4.4 In 2018-19, the Welsh Local Government Association defined and collected 32 Public Accountability Measures (PAMs), for local authorities' performance. At the time of writing this report, data for all indicators is not available, so a full comparison of how we did nationally cannot be made. The 'How do we compare?' section in **Appendix A** sets out performance on indicators that have been published to date. This is also available on the ['Mylocalcouncil'](#) website.

4.5 The Annual Report also provides an overview of complementary steps we have taken outside of the Corporate Plan to improve the well-being of the citizens of the County Borough. A summary of budgets for the year, regulators' findings and themes that underpin our work are also set out in the report.

4.6 This is an important document as it provides citizens and stakeholders with detailed information about the Council's performance against its well-being objectives and outcomes. It also includes national comparable measures to give a full picture of how we performed across a range of services.

4.7 Once approved, the Annual Report will be published on the Council's website and shared with stakeholders. Hard copies of the report will be produced and placed in the Council's public libraries.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

5.1 The Annual Report provides an assessment of progress on the Corporate Plan 2018-22 which forms part of the corporate policy framework.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 The Annual Report provides information on the Council's performance and has no negative equality implications.

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

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered when writing this report. It is considered there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of the well-being goals / objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation

9.1 That subject to any amendments by Cabinet on 22 October, that Council approves the Annual Report 2018-19 (**Appendix A**).

Mark Shephard
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Background documents

- Corporate Plan 2018-22