

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4 NOVEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER

CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION: PLAYING FIELDS, OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES AND PARKS PAVILIONS

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Committee to consider the decision of Cabinet of 22 October 2019 in relation to Playing Fields, Outdoor Sports Facilities and Parks Pavilions.

2. Connection to corporate improvement objectives/other corporate priorities

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 18 of the Council's Constitution, eight members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Chair, have requested that the Executive decision made by Cabinet on the 22 October 2019 be Called-In.
- 3.2 For the purposes of informing the Committee more fully regarding the reasons for Call-In, the following appendices have been attached:
- **Appendix A** – Cabinet Decision Record of 22 October 2019;
 - **Appendix B** – Notice of Call-In Form;

- **Appendix C** – Report of the Chief Executive: Playing Fields, Outdoor Sports facilities and Parks Pavilions.

4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 The role of Councillors exercising Overview and Scrutiny is, amongst other things, to ensure that the development of the Council's policies and the way they are being implemented reflect the needs and priorities of local Communities in the County Borough. As such, in holding to account the Cabinet for the efficient exercise of the executive function, the Overview & Scrutiny process aims to strengthen accountability for the decisions and performance of Bridgend County Borough Council.

4.2 Eight Members and the Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested to Call-In the Cabinet decision of 22 October 2019.

4.3 The role of the Committee within the Call-In process is to consider the proposed decision taken by Cabinet including the reasons for the decision, factors taken into account by Cabinet when making the decision and whether the decision is in line with corporate priorities and policies. Further details as to the reasons for Call-In are provided at **Appendix B** and can be summarised as follows:

- Contrary to the Future Generations Act including the well-being goals of healthier Wales and a more prosperous Wales.
- Insufficient consultation with service users.
- Clear requirement for greater scrutiny from members to look at alternative methods of delivery.
- Concerns this could have on health and wellbeing population.
- Research into long-term impact to Clubs and Societies.

4.4 Following its examination of the decision, the Committee has the power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the Cabinet. If referred to the Cabinet, it must be reconsidered by Cabinet within 7 clear working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision. If the Committee does not refer the matter back to the Cabinet, the decision may be determined on the date of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1 The work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Council's 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. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 The equality implications are outlined in the Cabinet report attached as **Appendix C**.

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

7.1 An assessment under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 has been made and is outlined in the Cabinet report attached at **Appendix C**.

8. Financial implications

8.1 The financial implications are outlined in the Cabinet report attached as **Appendix C**.

9. Recommendation

9.1 The Committee is asked to consider the Cabinet decision of 22 October 2019 relating to the Playing Fields, Outdoor Sports Facilities and Parks Pavilions and to determine whether it wishes to;

- i) refer the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration;
- ii) decide not to refer the matter back to the Cabinet.

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