

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

15 OCTOBER 2014

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Council's Annual Report 2013-14 (attached) for Council to consider and approve.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The Annual Report evaluates the Council's performance against the priorities set in the Corporate Plan 2013-17. It also reiterates the Council's improvement objectives (priorities) for 2014-15.

3. Background

- 3.1 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 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013-17 set out six improvement priorities as follows:
1. Working together to develop the local economy
 2. Working together to raise ambitions and drive up educational achievement
 3. Working with children and families to tackle problems early
 4. Working together to help vulnerable people to stay independent
 5. Working together to tackle health issues and encourage healthy lifestyles
 6. Working together to make the best use of our resources
- 3.3 The Plan defined the Council's commitments to deliver these priorities in 2013-14.
- 3.4 The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) identified how it would use its resources to support the achievement of the improvement priorities 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 to meet the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, summarises how well the Council did in progressing these priorities in 2013-14. It should be noted that since the Report was submitted for Cabinet to consider on 7 October 2014, the Council received further information regarding some of the success indicators. The attached report, therefore, has been updated using the latest data available.

- 4.2 The Report demonstrates that the Council
- achieved or exceeded the target for 66% of its success indicators;
 - carried out to completion 87% of its commitments for the year; and
 - successfully managed both revenue and capital budgets, and achieved the savings target.
- 4.3 The Report provides examples of the Council's key collaborative arrangements for 2013-14; a summary of key consultation and engagement activities and citizen feedback in 2013-14; a summary of the regulator's findings; and a summary of the improvement priorities the Council will take into 2014-15 and beyond.
- 4.4 This is an important document as it provides citizens and stakeholders with detailed information about the Council's performance as measured against the six improvement priorities. It also compares this information with that of all 22 Welsh local authorities across a range of services and highlights year on year trends.
- 4.5 Once approved, the Annual Report will be published on the Council's website and shared with stakeholders. A summary of the report will be prepared that highlights for citizens key points in the Council's performance.
- 5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules**
- 5.1 The Annual Report provides an assessment of progress on the Corporate Plan 2013-17 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. Financial Implications**
- 7.1 The Annual Report has no financial implications.
- 8. Recommendation**
- 8.1 Subject to any amendments by Cabinet on 7 October, that Council approves the Annual Report 2013-14 (Appendix A and Appendix B).

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Background documents

- Corporate Plan 2013-17
- The Auditor General's Annual Improvement Report (May 2014)