

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**15 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER LEGAL, HR & REGULATORY SERVICES  
CABINET, CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING AND CABINET  
COMMITTEE EQUALITIES**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a. seek approval for the schedule of meetings of Cabinet, Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and the Cabinet Committee Equalities for the period October 2020 - April 2021.
- b. propose Children's and Equalities Champions who will chair the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and the Cabinet Committee Equalities.
- c. confirm the process for the nomination of Champions from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.
- d. seek approval of the invitees to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Equalities as nominated by each of the political groups represented on Council.

**2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives/other corporate priorities**

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:-

1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.

3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council’s well-being objectives.

**3. Background.**

- 3.1 The proposed dates for Cabinet, Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and Cabinet Committee Equalities and Joint Committee meetings will be reported for noting in the proposed schedule of meetings to be reported to the Annual Meeting of Council on 30 September 2020. This prevents meetings dates of Cabinet, Council or their Committees conflicting with each other.

**4. Current situation / proposal.**

4.1 Cabinet

- 4.1.1 Meetings of Cabinet proposed below, are planned to continue on a four weekly cycle with meetings commencing at 2.30pm.

- 4.1.2 The proposed schedule of Cabinet meetings for the period October 2020 – April 2021 is as follows:

2020	2021
20 October	19 January
17 November	9 February
15 December	23 February (Budget)
	9 March
	6 April

4.2 Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting

- 4.2.1 The proposed Schedule of meeting dates for the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting is detailed below:

Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting
26 November 2020 4 February 2021 8 April 2021

- 4.2.2 It is proposed that the Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help be appointed as the Lead Member for Children and Young People and Children and Young People Champion. It is therefore appropriate that the portfolio holder be appointed as the Chairperson for the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.

4.2.3 Cabinet at its meeting on 5 September 2017 established the principle of appointing one invitee from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees as Corporate Parenting Champions together with the Chairperson of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2, which takes the lead on social services items as invitees to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members appointed in 2019-20 continue as invitees to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting. Cabinet at its meeting on 5 September 2017 also approved the appointment of the Group Leaders of the Independent Alliance, Conservative, Plaid Cymru and Llynfi Independents Groups or their nominated substitute to represent their political groups at meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.

4.3 Cabinet Committee Equalities

4.3.1 The proposed schedule of meeting dates for the Cabinet Committee Equalities is detailed below:-

Cabinet Committee Equalities
7 October 2020 2 November 2020 8 March 2021

4.3.2 The Cabinet Member Wellbeing and Future Generations (the portfolio then known as the Cabinet Member Childrens Social Services and Equalities) was appointed by Cabinet at the meeting on 10 May 2016 as Lead Member for Equalities. It is appropriate that the portfolio holder continues to be the Equalities Champion and be appointed as the Chairperson for the Cabinet Committee Equalities.

4.3.3 Following discussion with the Group Leaders, the following nominations have been received to sit as invitees on the Cabinet Committee Equalities on the basis of 4 Labour Group Members, 2 Conservative Group Members, 2 Independent Alliance Group Members and 1 each from the Llynfi Independents and Plaid Cymru Groups:

**Cabinet Committee Equalities - 10 Invited Members**

	<b><u>Political Group</u></b>	<b><u>Councillors</u></b>
1	Labour	Councillor SE Baldwin
2	Labour	Councillor JE Lewis
3	Labour	Councillor J Gebbie
4	Labour	Councillor G Howells
5	Conservative	Councillor K Rowlands
6	Conservative	Councillor S Vidal
7	Independent Alliance	Councillor S Dendy
8	Independent Alliance	Councillor E Venables

9	Llynfi Independents	Councillor T Beedle
10	Plaid Cymru	Councillor JC Radcliffe

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

- 5.1 There will be no direct effect on the Policy Framework & Procedure Rules but, if approved, the report will provide a sound structure for Executive decision-making, improve corporate planning within the Authority and provide greater accessibility and understanding for the residents of the County Borough.

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 There are no negative equality implications arising from this report.

## **7. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications**

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

## **8. Financial Implications.**

- 8.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

## **9. Recommendations.**

- 9.1 That Cabinet approves the schedule of meeting dates for Cabinet, Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and the Cabinet Committee Equalities meetings for the period October 2020 - April 2021 as outlined in Paragraphs 4.1.2, 4.2.1 and 4.3.1 of the report.
- 9.2 That the Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help be appointed as Lead Member for Children and Young People, Children and Young People Champion and Chairperson of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.
- 9.3 That the process for determining the invitees for the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting as outlined in paragraph 4.2.3 be approved.
- 9.4 That the Cabinet Member Wellbeing and Future Generations be appointed as the Equalities Champion and as Chairperson of the Cabinet Committee Equalities.
- 9.5 That Cabinet approve nominations of the invitees to the Cabinet Committee Equalities on the basis of 4 Labour Group Members, 2 Conservative Group Members, 2 Independent Alliance Group Members and 1 each from the Llynfi Independents and Plaid Cymru Groups as outlined in 4.3.3.

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