

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

21 OCTOBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Council's Annual Report 2019-20 (Appendix A) for Council to consider and approve.

2. Connections to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1 The annual report evaluates our progress against our well-being objectives, outlined in our Corporate Plan. This report relates to our performance for the year April 2019 to March 2020 and the well-being objectives for that financial year, namely:
 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 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.
- 3.3 In March 2019, the Council published its Corporate Plan 2018-22, revised 2019-20. The Plan sets out its vision, which is, always to act as 'One Council working together to improve lives', and its three well-being objectives. The Plan also reiterates the well-being objectives for 2019-20.

- 3.4 The Plan defined 41 commitments to deliver the three well-being objectives and set out 56 outcome focused indicators to measure the progress for the financial year.
- 3.5 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 following four years.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 The Annual Report, prepared under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, evaluates how well the Council succeeded in 2019-20 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 2019-20. Of the 41 commitments 34 (82.9%) were completed successfully with 3 (7.3%) achieving most of their milestones and 4 (9.8%) missing most of their milestones.
- 4.3 Of the 56 indicators identified for the Corporate Plan, 52 can be compared against their target: 35 (67.3%) met their target, 9 (17.3%) were off target by less than 10% and 8 (15.4%) missed the target by more than 10%. Detailed information about the Council's performance is included in **Appendix A**.
- 4.4 Due to Covid-19, Welsh Government confirmed that there would be no data collection of Public Accountability Measures (PAMs) for 2019-20 therefore no analysis has been undertaken in relation to these indicators.
- 4.5 A summary of funding and financial performance 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.
- 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 of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

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 20 October, that Council approves the Annual Report 2019-20 (**Appendix A**).

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Background documents

None