

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2 DECEMBER 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, HR & REGULATORY SERVICES

ELECTION OF CHAIR

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to receive nominations for the role of Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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

- 2.1 The 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 As part of the centralised Overview and Scrutiny structure it has been determined that the membership of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee would consist of the Chairs of each Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee and nine other Members that reflect the political balance of the Authority.
- 3.2 At the Annual Meeting of Council on 30 September 2020, the three Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairpersons were appointed and as stated in the Report of the Monitoring Officer, the Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be appointed by the members of this Committee from one of the Chairpersons of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees, but not the Chairperson representing the Executive group.

4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to receive nominations and elect a Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the provisions set out at paragraph 3.2 of this report.
- 4.2 As set out in the Constitution, should the appointed Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee be unable to attend a meeting, it is for the Committee to appoint a Chair at the meeting in accordance with the political balance rules.

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. Any changes to the structure of the Scrutiny Committees and the procedures relating to them would require the Bridgend County Borough Council constitution to be updated.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

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

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

- 7.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long Term - The Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will assist in the long term planning of the business of the Council
- Prevention – The Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be preventative in nature and ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place
- Integration – This report supports all the well-being objectives
- Collaboration - The Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will support partnership working with other organisations both locally and regionally
- Involvement – The Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will promote the full involvement of external stakeholders, service users, expert witnesses and partners in scrutiny activity

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation

9.1 The Committee is requested to receive nominations and agree to elect a Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraph 3.2 of this report.

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