

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT TO CABINET EQUALITIES COMMITTEE**

**3 DECEMBER 2020**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**UPDATE REPORT ON THE WORK OF BRIDGEND COMMUNITY COHESION AND  
EQUALITY FORUM**

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet Equalities Committee on the work of the Bridgend Community Cohesion and Equality Forum

**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:-**
- **Smarter use of resources** - ensuring 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 In 2017, discussions took place between the police and Bridgend County Borough Council on a proposed merger of the Bridgend Equality Forum and the Community Cohesion Group. The first meeting of the Bridgend Community Cohesion and Equality Forum (BCCEF) took place on 27 April 2018. Since then the group has met quarterly.
- 3.2 This is the third report presented to Cabinet Equalities Committee on the progress and the work of BCCEF. Previous reports were presented in November 2018 and November 2019.
- 3.3 The meeting is currently chaired by Cllr Dhanisha Patel and the BCBC Equalities Team hold the secretariat role for the meeting.

**4. Current situation**

- 4.1 The meetings of the BCCEF are held quarterly and since the last update report meetings have taken place in January, March June and September 2020. Due to the impact of Covid-19, the June and September meetings have been online meetings.
- 4.2 The aim of each meeting is to have a main agenda item where a presentation is received that is relevant and informative to attendees.

In 2020 presentations were received on:

- BCBC Strategic Equality Plan Consultation
- BCBC Budget Consultation Feedback
- Community PREVENT
- BCBC Strategic Equality Plan Consultation feedback
- The barriers that people with sight loss face and the impact of COVID-19

All members are encouraged to propose main agenda items for each meeting.

- 4.3 Each organisation in attendance is given the opportunity to provide an update on their work and any partnership opportunities for engagement or training.
- 4.4 South Wales Police provide an update report that was previously presented to Community Cohesion Group. This report includes hate crime figures, use of force, figures on violence against women and girls, stop and search and complaints raised against the police and police misconduct. The role of the group is to receive this report and provide scrutiny to this report.
- 4.5 All members continue to invite new attendees to the group in order to expand the scope of the group.

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

- 5.1 The report has no direct effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules but it enables us to effectively implement the council's statutory duties in relation to equalities and human rights.

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 The report provides the committee with information that positively assists in the delivery of the authority's equality duties.

## **7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment**

- 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 associated with this report.

## **9. Recommendation**

- 9.1 That the Cabinet Equalities Committee receives and considers this report.

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**Background papers:**

None