

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM**

**15 FEBRUARY 2021**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021**

**1.0 Purpose of report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to the Town and Community Council Forum a copy of the report presented to Council on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, for information.

**2.0 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** – 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 deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

**3.0 Background**

3.1 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 received Royal Assent on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021. It is a substantial piece of legislation covering electoral reform, public participation, governance and performance and regional working. The new approach, as set out in the Act, is designed to be a more streamlined, flexible, sector-led approach to performance, good governance and improvement. The intention is for councils to be proactive in considering how internal processes and procedures should change to enable more effective planning, delivery and decision making in order to drive better outcomes.

**4.0 Current situation/proposal**

4.1 Attached as **Appendix 1** to this report is a copy of the report presented to Council on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, for information.

**5.0 Effect upon policy framework & procedure rules**

5.1 None.

## **6.0 Equality Impact Assessment**

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

## **7.0 Well-being 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.

## **8.0 Financial implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **9.0 Recommendation**

9.1 It is recommended that the Town and Community Council Forum receives and considers this report.

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