

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

22 JUNE 2021

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES & JOINT COMMITTEES

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval for the appointment of Members to joint committees and the nomination of Members to outside bodies. A list of the joint committees and outside bodies concerned is appended to this report at **Appendix 1**.

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.

- 2.2 The Authority's continuing partnership, working with a wide range of organisations within the County Borough, contributes to the achievement of the corporate well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 Outside bodies are external organisations and partnerships which have requested that the Council appoint a representative to them. Outside bodies have separate governance structures to the Council. Appointments to outside bodies can be an important mechanism within the County Borough for: community leadership, partnership and joint working and knowledge and information sharing. The appointment of County Borough Councillors to serve on outside bodies is intended to be a mutually beneficial act for both the Council and the bodies listed. The implications associated with the appointments are considered to be positive.

- 3.2 A review has been undertaken of the appointments of Councillors on various outside bodies and joint committees to ensure relevance and appropriateness of membership. With regard to making appointments, the Cabinet should first consider whether it is appropriate for an appointment to be of a specific office holder either by reference to the constitution of the outside body concerned or in the light of any other circumstances as Cabinet may determine.
- 3.3 Consultation was undertaken with external organisations as part of the review process for outside bodies as appropriate. Officers were also consulted regarding future / on-going representation on the committees/bodies listed. Feedback has been fed into the proposals for Member representation on outside bodies for the 2021/22 municipal year as listed at **Appendix 1**.

4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 It is proposed that Members be appointed for a term of one year except where earlier revocation of appointment is appropriate.
- 4.2 It is proposed that where Cabinet nominates on the basis of a Member's role within the Authority the appointment be attached to the role and not to the individual Member, e.g. Scrutiny Chair, Cabinet Member.
- 4.3 All appointments are made with the assumption that appointees represent Bridgend County Borough Council. Should any appointee cease to be a Bridgend County Borough Councillor, they will cease to represent this Authority and are expected to relinquish their appointments as necessary.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 There will be no effect on the policy framework and procedure rules.

6. Equalities Act 2010 Implications

- 6.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

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

- 7.1 The following is a summary of the implications to show how the 5 ways of working have been used to formulate the recommendation:

- Long-term - The approval of this report will assist in the long term planning of the business of the Council by the continuation of effective relationships with other organisations.
- Prevention - Continued and relevant representation supports the Council by enhancing its current and future relationships.
- Integration - The report supports all the well-being objectives.

- Collaboration - This report supports partnership working with other organisations both locally and regionally.
- Involvement - This report will maintain a relationship with other organisations through effective partnership working.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications associated with these appointments.

9. Recommendation

9.1 Cabinet is recommended to: -

Appoint the requisite number of Members to the joint committees and other outside bodies as listed in **Appendix 1**.

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Background documents

None.