

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

20 OCTOBER 2021

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER - LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMMES

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval for items to be included on the Forward Work Programme for the period 1 November 2021 to 28 February 2022 and for Cabinet to note the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes for the same period.

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.

3. Background

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Forward Work Programme will be prepared by the Monitoring Officer to cover a period of four months except when ordinary elections of councillors occur, in which case the Forward Work Programme will cover the period up to the date of the elections.
- 3.2 The Forward Work Programme will contain matters which the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and full Council are likely to consider. It will contain information on:

- (a) the timetable for considering the Budget and any plans, policies or strategies forming part of the Policy Framework and requiring Council approval, and which body is to consider them;
- (b) the timetable for considering any plans, policies or strategies which are the responsibility of the Cabinet;
- (c) any individual matters on which the Cabinet intends to consult in advance of taking a decision, and the timetable for consultation and decision;
- (d) the work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, to the extent that it is known.

3.3 The Forward Work Programme will be published at least 14 days before the start of the period covered. The Authority is required to publish once a year a notice in at least one newspaper circulating in the area, stating that a Forward Work Programme will be published and giving the publication dates for that year.

4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 The proposed Forward Work Programmes are described below:

- Cabinet 1 November 2021 to 28 February 2022 - **Appendix 1**
- Council 1 November 2021 to 28 February 2022 - **Appendix 2**
- Overview and Scrutiny 1 November 2021 to 28 February 2022 - **Appendix 3**

4.2 In relation to the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme above, the dates of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to consider the Medium Term Financial Strategy in December 2021 are likely to change, due to the late publication of the provisional Local Government Settlement by Welsh Government.

4.3 Following consideration by Cabinet, the Forward Work Programmes will be published on the Council's website.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1 There are no implications relating to the policy framework and procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact 2010 Implications

6.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

7. Wellbeing 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. Financial implications

8.1 There will be a translation cost of approximately £60 for each quarterly update of the Forward Work programme when it is published on the Bridgend County Borough Council Website. These will be met from within existing budgets.

9. Recommendations

9.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

- Approve the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 November 2021 to 28 February 2022 at **Appendix 1**;
- Note the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes for the same period as above, shown at **Appendix 2** and **Appendix 3** of the report, respectively.

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