

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CABINET

8 MARCH 2022

### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CURRENT SECTION 33 AGREEMENT FOR ADULTS AND OLDER PEOPLE SERVICES

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to the extension of the current Section 33 Agreement for Adults and Older People Services which covers partnership arrangements with Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board for Intermediate Care Services through the integrated community resource team . This will enable sufficient planning time to progress a number of service and strategic developments across the region and in the locality.

#### 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**:
- **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.
  - **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 Following transition to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board from the former Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, a formal partnership agreement took effect for Adults and Older People Services from 1st April 2019. This agreement ends 31st March 2022.

#### 4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 In 2019 the integrated services in Bridgend embarked on a programme of change as part of the bid for Welsh Government’s transformation funding. This programme is known as “**Accelerating the Pace of Change**”.
- 4.2 This programme was building upon a suite of intermediate care services and also looked to extend this wider multi-disciplinary team (MDT) approach within the

integrated cluster networks with primary care, community service and social care. Underpinning this ambitious approach was to build more resilient communities.

4.3 Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board clarified their intention to continue with and progress further with integration. In order to progress this, the Bridgend Integrated Locality Group and Social Care embarked on a piece of work in Summer 2021 to:-

- establish a baseline assessment of the current service model
- develop a new optimal model for integrated community services in Bridgend
- enable the service to adopt a model of best practice which could be used across the region.

4.4 The focus of health and social care services, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, has meant this work has not been able to progress as originally anticipated. There are ongoing discussions at the senior level in both organisations of the next steps in terms of service development and the regional approach to integration.

4.5 Due to the delays identified at the Joint Partnership Board for the Integrated Community Services, which was held on 20th October 2021, it was recommended that the current Section 33 agreement be extended for 2 years to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 whilst the work to accelerate further integration progresses as we recover from the pandemic and return to more strategic work.

## **5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules**

5.1 There is no effect upon Policy Framework or Procedure Rules.

## **6. Equality Act 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. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications**

7.1 The request to extend the current Section 33 agreement for Adults and Older People Services supports the five ways of working under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, as follows:

**Long Term** – The proposal aims to increase the time available for strategic planning for the future of integrated community services.

**Prevention** – Integrated community services work in a pre-emptive way and are therefore essential preventative services that aim to maintain independence and support people to live for longer within their own homes for as long as is possible.

**Integration** – Integrated community services are an integrated service governed under a Section 33 agreement with Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.

The request for this extension has originated from the Joint Partnership Board for Integrated Community Services.

**Collaboration** – The integrated community services are founded on close collaboration between the primary care, third sector, community services and secondary health services.

**Involvement** – Key stakeholders have been involved in the decision to request additional time to develop a new optimal model for integrated community services in Bridgend.

## **8. Financial implications**

8.1 The current percentage of the council's financial contribution to the Section 33 agreement would remain unchanged during the two year extension period.

8.2 The Section 33 agreement is funded from Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate core budgets. There are therefore no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

## **9. Recommendation**

9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- Approve the extension of the current Section 33 agreement for the Adults and Older People Services with Cwm Taff Morgannwg University Health Board Board for a further two years to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to support the strategic planning of the future service model.
- Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Social Services and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change and the Chief Officer, Legal Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy, to negotiate and enter into a variation agreement to the Section 33 agreement for Adults and Older People Services with Cwm Taff Morgannwg University Health Board Board to effect the above extension.

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