

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

14 JULY 2022

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

#### NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT TO THE RIGHTS OF WAY SUB-COMMITTEE

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Development Control Committee to nominate and appoint Members to the Rights of Way Sub-Committee.

#### 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**:
- **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.
  - **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 The remit of the Development Control Committee includes the nomination and appointment of 6 of its Members to form the Rights of Way Sub-Committee, with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Development Control Committee fulfilling the same role for the Rights of Way Sub-Committee.
- 3.2 The Annual Meeting of Council on 18 May 2022 approved changes to the membership of the Development Control Committee and, as a result of this, the nomination and appointment of Members to the Rights of Way Sub-Committee needs to be considered.

#### 4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 The Rights of Way Sub-Committee currently consists of six Members of the Development Control Committee and it is proposed that no change is made to the number of Members on the Sub-Committee, as outlined in the Council's Constitution.

4.2 The recommended composition of the Sub-Committee, based upon the number of Members it comprises of, is as follows:-

Labour - 3 Members – (to include the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Development Control Committee  
Bridgend County Independents – 2 Members  
Democratic Alliance - 1 Member

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

5.1 This report accords with the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Authority's Constitution.

## **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 Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long-term - The approval of this report will assist in the long term planning of the business of the Council in both the short term and in the long-term.
- Prevention - The proper composition of Council Committees meets the requirements of the Local Government and Housing 1989 Act in achieving political balance and the allocation of Committee seats which supports the effective decision making of the Council.
- Integration - The report supports all the well-being objectives.
- Collaboration - Consultation has taken place with the Group Leaders and Independent Members regarding the allocation of memberships of Committees and other bodies and the allocation of Chairs to these, where appropriate.
- Involvement - Advance public notice of Council Committee meetings can ensure that the public and stakeholders can engage in these meetings. Agendas and minutes of all public meetings will be available in the Welsh language in compliance with the Welsh Language Standards.

## **8. Financial implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

## **9. Recommendation**

9.1 That the Development Control Committee nominates and appoints six (6) Members from this Committee to form the Rights of Way Sub-Committee, to include:

- 3 Labour Members (to include the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Development Control Committee)
- 2 Bridgend County Independent Members
- 1 Democratic Alliance Member

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