

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CABINET

19 JULY 2022

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

#### INVITEES ON CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING AND CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES

##### 1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a. confirm the process for nomination of Champions from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and receive these nominations.
- b. seek approval of the invitees to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Equalities as nominated by each of the political groups represented on the Council.

##### 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 Both the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and Cabinet Committee Equalities comprise of the membership of the Executive, with additional nominated invitees to be agreed by Cabinet.

### 4. Current situation/proposal.

- 4.1 At a previous meeting, Cabinet established the principle of appointing one invitee from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees as Corporate Parenting Champions, together with the Chairperson of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SO&SC) 2, which takes the lead on social services items. These Members would be invited to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting. Reports are in the process of being presented to the first meetings of each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees seeking the appointment of invitees to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.
- 4.2 To date the following Members have been appointed as part of the above process:-
- Councillor F Bletsoe (as Chairperson of SO&SC 2)  
Councillor Amanda Williams – Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CO&SC)  
Councillor T Thomas – SO&SC 1  
Councillor A Wathan - SO&SC 2
- 4.3 The appointment of the Corporate Parenting Champion for SO&SC 3 will be agreed at its Committee on 18 July 2022 and reported verbally to Cabinet on 19 July 2022.
- 4.4 Cabinet also approved previously that 10 invitees from each political group sits on the Cabinet Committee Corporate Equalities, to include minority Group Leaders (or their nominated substitute should they be unable to attend a meeting). It is proposed, as with other Committees, political balance rules should generally apply in respect of such nominations.
- 4.5 Following discussion with Group Leaders, the following Members have been nominated to sit as invitees on the Cabinet Committee Equalities, on the basis of 5 Labour, 3 Bridgend County Independents and 2 Democratic Alliance Members:

	<b><u>Political Group</u></b>	<b><u>Councillors</u></b>
1	Labour	Councillor M Evans
2	Labour	Councillor P Ford
3	Labour	Councillor M Lewis
4	Labour	Councillor J Llewellyn-Hopkins
5	Labour	Councillor E Winstanley
6	Bridgend County Independent	Councillor A Williams
7	Bridgend County Independent	Councillor A Berrow

8	Bridgend County Independent	Councillor A Wathan
9	Democratic Alliance	Councillor R Penhale-Thomas
10	Democratic Alliance	Councillor D Hughes

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

5.1 There will be no direct effect on the Policy Framework & Procedure Rules but, if approved, the report will provide a sound structure for Executive decision-making, improve corporate planning within the Authority and provide greater accessibility and understanding for the residents of the County Borough.

## **6. Equality Impact 2010 implications**

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

## **7. Wellbeing 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 regarding the allocation of memberships of Committees and other bodies and the allocation of Chairpersons also.
- Involvement - Advance public notice of the Programme of meetings can ensure that the public and stakeholders can engage in Council and Committee 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. Recommendations**

- 9.1 That the invitees for the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting as outlined in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 be noted and approved, with the nomination for SO&SC 3 to be given verbally at the meeting.
- 9.5 That Cabinet also approves the nominated invitees to the Cabinet Committee Equalities on the basis of 5 Labour Members, 3 Bridgend Independent Members and 2 Democratic Alliance Members, details of which are shown in paragraph 4.5 of the report.

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