

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO THE CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21 JULY 2022

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

#### NOMINATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY PANEL

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Committee to nominate **one** further Member to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel, in addition to Councillor Freya Bletsoe and Councillor Simon Griffiths who were nominated at the previous meeting of this Committee held on 30 June 2022.

#### 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 From 1 April 2016, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 introduced statutory Public Services Boards (PSB) across each local authority area in Wales. PSBs work together to improve the social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being of the Board's area. The Act required the scrutiny of certain statutory functions of each Public Service Board and the Authority designated the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel with the responsibility, under the remit of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 3.2 The Panel will hold up to two meetings a year and can make recommendations to the Public Service Board via a report to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval.
- 3.3 A copy of any report or recommendation made to the Public Service Board must be sent to the Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales.
- 3.4 The membership of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel is determined annually and comprises three Members nominated from the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, one Member nominated from each of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees, and representatives that sit on the Public Service Board attend.

#### **4. Current situation/proposal**

- 4.1 The Committee received a report at its previous meeting held on 30 June 2022 requesting the nomination of three Members to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel and nominated Councillor Freya Bletsoe and Councillor Simon Griffiths. The Committee is asked to nominate **one** further Member to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

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

- 5.1 The work of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

#### **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 establishment of the PSB Panel will assist in the long term planning of the business of the Council by the continuation of effective relationships with other organisations to improve wellbeing in Bridgend County now and in the future.
- Prevention - The PSB Scrutiny Panel will monitor the Public Service Board's objectives and priorities within the Wellbeing Plan which address underlying causes of problems and prevent them getting worse or happening in the future.

- Integration - The report supports all the wellbeing objectives.
- Collaboration - The PSB Panel supports partnership working with other organisations both locally and regionally.
- Involvement - The PSB Panel will maintain a relationship with other Organisations through effective partnership working and act as a critical friend to ensure the PSB are involving citizens of Bridgend when making decisions that affect them.

## **8. Financial implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **9. Recommendation**

9.1 The Committee is asked to nominate **one** Member of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.

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