

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

18 OCTOBER 2022

REPORT OF CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION: RECYCLING AND WASTE SERVICE POST 2024

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Cabinet with the findings and recommendations of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) from their meeting held on 30 June 2022, following the decision of 4 Scrutiny Members to Call-In the decision of the Executive in relation to: Recycling and Waste Service Post 2024.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:
- **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 Rule 18 of Part 4 Rules of Procedure in the Council's Constitution, 3 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and a Scrutiny Chair, requested that the Executive decision made by Cabinet on 14 June 2022 be Called-In.
- 3.2 The Committee considered the proposed decision by Cabinet including the reasons for the decision, taking into account whether the decision is in line with corporate priorities and policies.
- 3.3 The role of Councillors exercising Overview and Scrutiny is, amongst other things, to ensure that the development of the Council's policies and the way they are being implemented reflect the needs and priorities of local Communities in the County Borough. As such, in holding the Cabinet to account for the efficient exercise of the executive function, the Overview & Scrutiny process aims to strengthen accountability for the decisions and performance of Bridgend County Borough Council.
- 3.4 For the purposes of informing Cabinet, the following appendices have been attached:

- **Appendix A** – Cabinet Decision Record 14 June 2022;
- **Appendix B** – Notice of Call-In Form;
- **Appendix C** – Report to Cabinet 14 June 2022;
- **Appendix D** - Call In Report to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 June 2022.

4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 Following its examination of the decision, and detailed discussions with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Officers invited, the Committee concluded that the Decision would not be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration but made the following Recommendations to Cabinet:

- a) That any future consideration of the Waste contract be presented to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a suitable time so as to enable pre-decision scrutiny and effective input into any forthcoming decision. The Committee requested that this incorporate any specialist advice that is commissioned for the future waste service model, before referring on to Cabinet, as mentioned at paragraph 9.5 of the Cabinet report;
- b) That going forward, contingency measures as well as a deeper look at other possible options for waste service provision is fully and openly considered and deliberated;
- c) That the other options that were considered in order for Cabinet to arrive at the current decision for a short-term waste contract from 2024 to 2026, be published in the public domain to ensure full openness and transparency.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1 The work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Council's 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 Wellbeing of Future Generations Implications are outlined in section 7 of the Cabinet report of 14 June 2022, attached as **Appendix C**.

8. Financial implications

8.1 The financial implications are outlined in Section 8 of the Cabinet report of 14 June 2022, attached as **Appendix C**.

9. Recommendation

9.1 Cabinet is requested to consider the Recommendations of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee as outlined in paragraph 4.1 above and provide a written response to the Committee.

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