

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

17 JANUARY 2023

REPORT OF SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2

CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION: PORTHCAWL WATERFRONT REGENERATION: APPROPRIATION OF LAND AT GRIFFIN PARK AND SANDY BAY

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Cabinet with the findings and recommendations of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 from their meeting held on 3 November 2022, following a Call In of a decision of Cabinet in relation to Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration: Appropriation of Land at Griffin Park and Sandy Bay.

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, 5 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and 2 Scrutiny Chairs, requested that the Executive decision made by Cabinet on 18 October 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 18 October 2022;
- **Appendix B** – Notice of Call In Form;
- **Appendix C** – Report to Cabinet 18 October 2022;
- **Appendix D** - Call In Report to the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 on 3 November 2022.

4. Current situation/proposal

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

- a) That having regard to concerns expressed to Members by Porthcawl residents, views shared by public speakers and questions from Members, that Cabinet be requested that going forward for the next stages in the process that they involve Porthcawl Town Council, all stakeholders and the public in further consultation and engagement.

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 18 October 2022, attached as **Appendix C**.

8. Financial implications

8.1 The financial implications are outlined in Section 8 of the Cabinet report of 18 October 2022, attached as **Appendix C**.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 Cabinet is requested to consider the Recommendation of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 as outlined in paragraph 4.1 above and provide a written response to the Committee.

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