

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO CABINET

14 MARCH 2023

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

#### CABINET, COUNCIL AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMMES

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval for items to be included on the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 and for Cabinet to note the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Forward Work Programmes for the same period.

#### 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 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Forward Work Programme will be prepared by the Monitoring Officer to cover a period of four months except when ordinary elections of councillors occur.
- 3.2 The Forward Work Programme will contain matters which the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and full Council are likely to consider. It will contain information on:

- (a) the timetable for considering the Budget and any plans, policies or strategies forming part of the Policy Framework and requiring Council approval, and which body is to consider them;
- (b) the timetable for considering any plans, policies or strategies which are the responsibility of the Cabinet;
- (c) the work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, to the extent that it is known.

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

4.1 The proposed Forward Work Programmes for the above period are appended to the report as follows:

- Cabinet - **Appendix 1**
- Council - **Appendix 2**
- Overview and Scrutiny Committees - **Appendix 3**

4.2 Following consideration by Cabinet, the Forward Work Programmes will be published on the Council's website.

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

5.1 There is no effect on the policy framework and procedure rules.

#### **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 well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

#### **8. Financial implications**

8.1 There will be a fairly nominal translation cost of approximately £60 for each quarterly update of the Forward Work Programme, to be met from within the Democratic Services' existing budget.

#### **9. Recommendations**

9.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

- Approve the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 at **Appendix 1**;
- Note the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Forward Work Programmes for the same period, as shown at **Appendix 2** and **Appendix 3** of the report, respectively.

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**Background documents:** None