

Meeting of:	CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	3 JULY 2023
Report Title:	CABINET RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON THE CALL IN OF THE CABINET DECISION IN RELATION TO THE RECYCLING AND WASTE SERVICE POST 2024
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Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees relates to the review and monitoring 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. Any changes to the structure of the Scrutiny Committees and the procedures relating to them would require the Bridgend County Borough Council Constitution to be updated.
Executive Summary:	On 30 June 2022, the Committee considered the Call in of a Cabinet decision made on 14 June 2022 in relation to the report on Recycling and Waste Service Post 2024. Following its examination of the decision, the Committee concluded that the Decision would not be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration but made Recommendations to Cabinet. The Committee's Recommendations were formally reported to Cabinet on 18 October 2022. The Cabinet Response is attached to this report as Appendix A, for the Committee's information.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Committee with the Cabinet response to the Recommendations made by the Committee on the Call-In of the Decision of Cabinet of 14 June 2022, in relation to the report on Recycling and Waste Service Post 2024, submitted to Cabinet on 18 October 2022. The Cabinet response is attached as **Appendix A**.

2. Background

- 2.1 In accordance with 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 The Committee considered the Call In on 30 June 2022 and, 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.
- 3.2 The Committee's Recommendations were formally reported to Cabinet on 18 October 2022.
- 3.3 The Cabinet Response to the Committee's recommendations is formally presented in **Appendix A** to this report, for the Committee's information.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 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.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 An assessment under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 has been made and is outlined in Section 7 of the Cabinet report dated 14 June 2022.

6. Climate Change Implications

6.1 There are no Climate Change Implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 The financial implications are outlined in Section 8 of the Cabinet report dated 14 June 2022.

9. Recommendation

9.1 The Committee is recommended to note the Cabinet response to the Recommendations made by the Committee on the Call-In of the of the Decision of Cabinet on 14 June 2022 in relation to the report on Recycling and Waste Service Post 2024, submitted to Cabinet on 18 October 2022, which is attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

Background documents: None.