

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>2 OCTOBER 2023</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION: HYBONT PROJECT GATEWAY REVIEW</b>
<b>Report Owner / Corporate Director:</b>	<b>CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL &amp; REGULATORY SERVICES, HR &amp; CORPORATE POLICY</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>MERYL LAWRENCE SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER - SCRUTINY</b>
<b>Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:</b>	<b>The work of the Overview &amp; 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. Any change to the structure of the Scrutiny Committees and the procedures relating to them would require the Bridgend County Borough Council Constitution to be updated.</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<b>A Call-In Notice has been received and, following consultation with the Scrutiny Chairs, an Extraordinary meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SOSC) 3 has been arranged to consider the Call In of the decision of Cabinet on 19 September 2023 in relation to HyBont Project Gateway review.</b>  <b>The role of the Committee within the Call-In process is to consider the proposed decision taken by Cabinet including the reasons for the decision, factors taken into account by Cabinet when making the decision and whether the decision is in line with corporate priorities and policies.</b>  <b>Following consideration of the decision, the Committee may recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the Cabinet, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns. If referred to the Cabinet, it must be reconsidered by Cabinet within a further seven clear working days, amending the decision or not, before</b>

	<b>adopting a final decision.</b>
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	<b>If the Committee does not refer the matter back to the Cabinet, the decision may be determined on the date of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Committee to consider the decision of Cabinet of 19 September 2023 in relation to the HyBont Project Gateway Review.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 In accordance with Section 7.23 of the Council's Constitution, which states that three Members of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and a Scrutiny Chair, are needed for a decision to be called in, a Notice of Call-In has been received from 4 Members and a Chair, requesting that the Executive decision made by Cabinet on the 19 September 2023 be Called-In.
- 2.2 For the purposes of informing the Committee more fully regarding the reasons for Call-In, the following appendices have been attached:
- **Appendix A** – Cabinet Decision Record of 19 September 2023;
  - **Appendix B** – Notice of Call-In Form;
  - **Appendix C** – Report of the Corporate Director - Communities: HyBont Project Gateway Review on 19 September 2023.

## 3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 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 to account the Cabinet 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.
- 3.2 Four Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees and one Scrutiny Chair have requested to Call-In the Cabinet decision of 19 September 2023.
- 3.3 The role of the Committee within the Call-In process is to consider the proposed decision taken by Cabinet including the reasons for the decision, factors taken into account by Cabinet when making the decision and whether the decision is in line with corporate priorities and policies. Details as to the reasons for Call-In are provided in the notice of Call-In at **Appendix B**.
- 3.4 Following consideration of the decision, the Committee may recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the Cabinet, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns. If referred to the Cabinet, it must be reconsidered by Cabinet within a further seven clear working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting

a final decision. If the Committee does not refer the matter back to the Cabinet, the decision may be determined on the date of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

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

4.1 The equality implications are outlined in Section 6 of the Cabinet report attached as **Appendix C**.

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

5.1 An assessment under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 has been made and is outlined in Section 5 of the Cabinet report attached at **Appendix C**.

#### **6. Climate Change Implications**

6.1 The Climate Change Implications are outlined in Section 6 of the Cabinet report attached as **Appendix C**.

#### **7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications**

7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications arising from this report.

#### **8. Financial Implications**

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

#### **9. Recommendation**

9.1 The Committee is asked to consider the Cabinet decision of 19 September 2023 relating to HyBont Project Gateway Review and to determine whether it wishes to either:

a) refer the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration;

Or:

b) decide not to refer the matter back to the Cabinet.

#### **Background documents**

None.