

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>16 JULY 2024</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>CABINET RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON THE CALL IN OF THE CABINET DECISION IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED USE OF LAND TRANSACTION TRANSFER PROTOCOL WITH CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION FOR LAND AT BRYNMENYN AND BRYNCETHIN</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 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.</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<b>On 26 March 2024, an Extraordinary meeting of the Committee considered the Call in of a Cabinet decision made on 12 March 2024 in relation to the report on the Proposed Use of Land Transaction Transfer Protocol with Cardiff Capital Region for Land at Brynmenyn and Bryncethin. 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 16 April 2024. The Cabinet Response is attached to this report as Appendix A, for the Committee's information.</b>

## 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 an Extraordinary meeting of the Committee on the Call-In of the Decision of Cabinet of 12 March 2024, in relation to the report on the Proposed Use of Land Transaction Transfer Protocol with Cardiff Capital Region for Land at Brynmenyn and Bryncethin, submitted to Cabinet on 16 April 2024. 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 12 March 2024 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 An Extraordinary meeting of the Committee considered the Call In on 26 March 2024 and, following its examination of the decision, and detailed discussions with the Leader, Cabinet Members 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:

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet consider receiving a further report at the appropriate time on further information including the length of the lease and the terms of the value of the lease.
  2. That Cabinet note the concerns raised in the Committee as contained in the Notice of Call-In and take them into account during any further deliberation.
- 3.2 The Committee's Recommendations were formally reported to Cabinet on 16 April 2024.
  - 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 5 of the Cabinet report dated 12 March 2024.

#### **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 12 March 2024.

#### **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 Decision of Cabinet on 12 March 2024, in relation to the report on the Proposed Use of Land Transaction Transfer Protocol with Cardiff Capital Region for Land at Brynmenyn and Bryncethin, submitted to Cabinet on 16 April 2024, which is attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

**Background documents:** None.