

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

21 JANUARY 2015

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek Council approval to amend the Scheme of Delegation of Functions.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

2.1 The Scheme of Delegation of Functions provides the authority for Cabinet Members and Officers to undertake their respective duties. The scheme therefore directly affects the ability of the Authority to process the Corporate Improvement Plan and all Corporate Priorities.

3. Background

3.1 The Council's Scheme of Delegation of Functions is regularly reviewed to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.

3.2 On 10th December 2014, Council approved the proposal to realign the responsibilities of the Corporate Director – Wellbeing and the Corporate Director – Children. The new arrangements took effect from 1st January 2015 and therefore it is necessary to update the Scheme of Delegation.

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1 The Scheme of Delegation has been amended to reflect that:

- the Corporate Director – Wellbeing is now the Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing;
- the Corporate Director – Children is now the Corporate Director – Education and Transformation;
- the safeguarding and family support functions and responsibilities have now transferred to the Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing.

4.2 The roles of the Cabinet Members in Scheme A and B1 have not been changed. The Cabinet Members with consultation responsibilities for those delegated powers transferred within Scheme B1 from the Corporate Director Children to the Corporate Director – Social Services & Wellbeing will continue to be the responsibility of the Cabinet Member for children & Young People.

4.3 Whilst undertaking these amendments it was identified that some updating due to amendments to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is required to the current scheme and should be added and allocated to the Corporate Director – Communities.

4.4 It is proposed that a new paragraph 6.7 be added to the Council functions of Scheme B2 of the Scheme of Delegations as follows:

6.7	To authorise officers to enter land for the purposes set out in section 196A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
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4.5 This amendment will require all the subsequent Cabinet functions from paragraphs 6.7 to 6.56 to be renumbered 6.8 to 6.57 accordingly.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

5.1 The Scheme of Delegation of Functions will require amendment as shown above.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality implications.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

8.1 It is recommended that Council note the content of the report and approve the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation of Functions as set out in paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5.

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Background Documents

None