

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO CABINET COMMITTEE - EQUALITIES
5 FEBRUARY 2015

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

VALREC

6 monthly report on casework undertaken in Bridgend County Borough

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the casework undertaken by VALREC in Bridgend County Borough in the current financial year.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 The Strategic Equality Plan is a statutory plan and a cross cutting issue impacting on the whole of the council. It is linked to the Customer Care Programme and supports the community cohesion agenda.

2.2 This report also supports the following priorities in the Corporate Plan 2013 – 2017:

- **Priority 2:** Working together to raise ambitions and drive up educational achievement;
- **Priority 3:** Working with children and families to tackle problems early;
- **Priority 5:** Working together to tackle health issues and encourage healthy lifestyles;
- **Priority 6:** Working together to make the best use of our resources.

3. Background

3.2 The council has worked with and has part funded VALREC since 2008 and makes an annual payment to them of £10,000. A Service Level Agreement with VALREC was signed in 2013.

4. Current situation / proposal.

4.2 Attached for discussion are:

- Appendix 1, VALREC's SLA report outlining casework undertaken and other developments during the current financial year and
- Appendix 2, data relating to VALREC's casework and advocacy activities in Bridgend County Borough between April 2014 and September 2014.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

5.1 The report has no direct effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules but is required to effectively implement the council's statutory duties in relation to equalities and human rights.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

No equality impact assessment has been carried out as this report provides the committee with information that will positively assist in the delivery of the authority's equality duties.

7. Financial Implications.

None in this report.

8. Recommendation.

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Equalities Committee receives and considers this report.

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