

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

1 SEPTEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013-16 WITH WELSH GOVERNMENT - MONITORING REPORT 2014-15 AND REVIEW OF THE TARGETS FOR 2015-16

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the monitoring report to be submitted to the Welsh Government (attached).
- 1.2 To seek approval for the reviewed targets for 2015-16 that are included in the attached report.

2. CONNECTION TO CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN / OTHER PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The Outcome Agreement links directly to the delivery of the priorities of the Corporate Plan 2013-17.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In 2013, the Council developed a three-year Outcome Agreement with the Welsh Government (WG). The agreement framework comprises of two distinct components: part 1 – outcomes; and part 2 – corporate governance.
- 3.2 The Outcome Agreement Grant is also split into two parts: 70% will be allocated to reward the delivery of the outcomes and 30% to address any statutory recommendations made by the Auditor General for Wales to Welsh Ministers concerning the corporate governance arrangements within the Authority.
- 3.3 Five outcomes are included in the Agreement. Each year, the Authority is required to self-assess whether it has achieved its planned outcomes for the year and provide a monitoring report to the Welsh Government. The full score for the outcomes is 10 points. The Authority must score 8 points or above to receive the full amount of the 70% of the grant.

4. CURRENT SITUATION / PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Corporate Improvement Team has assessed the Council's delivery of the agreed outcomes for 2014-15 and outcomes one to four scored two points each (fully successful) and outcome five scored one point (partially successful), with a total of 9 points out of 10.
- 4.2 Although we are yet to receive the BCBC Annual Improvement Report for 2014-15 from the Auditor General for Wales, we do not anticipate any statutory recommendations based on the information we have received so far.
- 4.3 We therefore expect to be awarded the full amount of grant of £1.4m.

4.4 The Council has reviewed the targets in the Outcome Agreement for 2015-16 in light of the Council's performance in 2014-15 and to reflect any changed circumstances. The reviewed targets are included in the attached report.

5. EFFECT UPON POLICY FRAMEWORK & PROCEDURE RULES

5.1 Developing and monitoring the Council's Outcome Agreement is an integral part of the Council's Performance Management Framework.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 Not applicable.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The outcome agreement grant included in the final settlement for 2014-15 is £1,400,000. The full grant has been included in the base budget when developing the MTFS.

8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 Cabinet approves the attached monitoring report and agrees that it is submitted to Welsh Government to meet the deadline.

8.2 Cabinet approves the changes made to the targets for 2015-16.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None