

# **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