

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 17TH JULY, 2019

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER

PRESENT: Leader of the Council/Executive Member Corporate Services
Councillor N.J. Daniels (Chair)

Executive Member – Environment
Councillor G. Collier

Executive Member – Education
Councillor J. Collins

Executive Member –
Regeneration & Economic Development
Councillor D. Davies

WITH: Managing Director
Chief Officer Resources
Corporate Director of Social Services
Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services
Head of Education Transformation
Solicitor
Press and Publicity Officer

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PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICES – DISCONTINUATION OF THE COLLABORATION WITH TORFAEN CBC

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services.

The Deputy Leader/Executive Member for Environment advised that the report sought approval to withdraw from collaboration with Torfaen for Public Protection Services. The Deputy Leader noted the report and highlighted the financial implications of an in-year cost pressure which was estimated at £35,000 and going forward a cost pressure for Public Protection of £106,000. He further referred to the options for recommendation and proposed that Option 1 be approved with agreement that a full review of the service would be undertaken.

RESOLVED accordingly.

The Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services advised that both Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen had benefitted from the collaboration work and advised that collaboration would still be explored for this area and other service areas.

The Leader added that it had been unfortunate that this collaboration had ended, however he was mindful of the budget implications and noted the Authority's commitment to its financial resilience. Therefore the financial implications could not be side tracked it was important that the service was reviewed in order to mitigate the cost pressure created as it would not be transferred from other service areas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing, that the report be accepted and Option 1, namely that this Authority withdraw from the collaboration with Torfaen CBC for Public Protection Services on 30th November, 2019. Following the withdrawal a full review of the service would be undertaken.