

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER**

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**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 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Following the withdrawal a full review of the service would be undertaken.