



COUNCIL – 23RD APRIL 2013

SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NAME – RISCA WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a request by Risca West Community Council to change its name to Risca Town Council.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report sets out below the steps necessary for Risca West Community Council to change its name to Risca Town Council.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Objective 2 of the Council's Community Strategy is to develop community pride and citizenship.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Risca West Community Council has requested to change its name to Risca Town Council. The Community Council states that because Risca West incorporates the town centre within its boundary it feels that the proposed name would be less confusing for both local people and those from further afield.
- 4.2 The Community Council has also recently been accepted onto the Town Centre Management Group and argue that it therefore makes sense to be known as Risca Town Council.
- 4.3 Under section 76 of the Local Government Act 1972 the council may, at the request of a Community Council, approve a change to the name of that community. Notice of any change must be sent to the Secretary of State, to the Director General of the Ordnance Survey and to the Registrar General. Notice of the change of name must be published in the community.
- 4.4 A name change under section 76 also requires that where there is a generally accepted Welsh form of the new name both the English and Welsh forms of the new name will be published. The accepted Welsh form would be Cyngor Tref Rhisga.
- 4.5 A Community Council may itself resolve to be known as a Town Council. It is the change of name (dropping the West) that requires council approval. Risca West Community Council has only recently been established and was named after the community area it serves and the Community Council area is also co terminus with the county borough ward of Risca West.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.2 Any responses have been incorporated into the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Members consider the request to change the name of Risca West Community Council to Risca Town Council with a Welsh form of Cyngor Tref Rhisga.

10. STATUTORY POWER

10.1 Section 76 of the Local Government Act 1972. This is a Council Function.

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