



## **CABINET – 15TH OCTOBER 2014**

**SUBJECT: CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER**

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- 1.1 The attached report, which outlined the work undertaken around the Council's partnerships and collaborative work, and sought Members' endorsement of the proposed Collaboration and Partnership Protocol and Partnership Governance Toolkit, prior to referral to Cabinet for determination, was considered by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 30th September 2014.
  - 1.2 Members were informed that following recommendations made by the Wales Audit Office on the partnership and collaborative work of the Council, an exercise commenced in October 2013, with 146 significant partner organisations identified, including 35 formal partnerships, 25 collaborations, and the Council taking the lead in 8 of the collaborative arrangements.
  - 1.3 The proposed Collaboration and Partnership Protocol sets a partnerships and collaborations framework to ensure there is a clear structure for partnership work, and provides a twelve month action plan for embedding a robust structure for partnership working. The intention of the proposed Partnership Governance Toolkit is to provide partnership leads with guidance on ensuring effective and purposeful partnership, achieving intended outcomes, with robust scrutiny and governance arrangements in place, which is also called for in the Wales Local Government White Paper on Reforming Local Government.
  - 1.4 Following discussion on the content of the report, the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee endorsed the Collaboration and Partnership Protocol and Action Plan for delivery, together with the Partnership Governance Toolkit (subject to minor consultative changes), and unanimously recommended that these items be referred to Cabinet for consideration.
  - 1.5 Members are asked to consider the recommendation.

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Appendices:  
Appendix 1 Report to Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 30th September 2014 –  
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