

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO:** **THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (BUDGET MONITORING)**

**REPORT SUBJECT:** **ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** **DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER**

<b><u>ITEM NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u></b>	<b><u>BY WHOM (TIMESCALE IF DECIDED)</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION TAKEN</u></b>
5	12.07.19	<b><u>REVENUE BUDGET PROVISION OUTTURN 2018/19</u></b>  <i>Appendix 3 – Infrastructure (Public Transport Co-ordination)</i>  A Member questioned the income level.  <i>Education – Individual School Budgets</i>  A Member requested a breakdown of Welsh Government grants awarded.  <i>Appendix 3 – SLA's (Schools Catering and Cleaning</i>	<b>Matthew Perry</b>  <b>Lynn Phillips</b>	Please see attached.  Please see attached.

		<p><u>Services)</u></p> <p>A Member referred to the adverse variance within these budgets, and sought clarification as he understood the income was showing a favourable position.</p>	<b>Rhian Hayden</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>12.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2018/19</u></b></p> <p><u>Garden Festival Highways Improvements</u></p> <p>A Member asked why this was not included in the general highway maintenance capital programme.</p> <p><u>Appendix 3 – Acquisition of Cwm Draw Units</u></p> <p>A Member requested an update.</p> <p><u>Company Shop, Tredegar</u></p> <p>A Member asked for an update position.</p>	<p><b>Dave Thompson</b></p> <p><b>Matthew Perry</b></p> <p><b>Matthew Perry</b></p>	<p>Please see attached.</p> <p>This was pending the outcome of the review of the Industrial Units Portfolio.</p> <p>Please see attached.</p>

### Appendix 3 – Infrastructure (Public Transport Co-ordination)

The charge is levied on bus use of Brynmawr Bus Station. It is minimal and amounts to approximately £400 per annum. However, we do not have similar charges at Ebbw Vale, Tredegar and Abertillery, and given the very precarious commercial status of some of our current bus services I would suggest we do consider reviewing this very historical income stream.

### Garden Festival Highways Improvements

The figure refers to the amount of funding allocated for street-lighting and landscaping improvements at the Boulevard site on the Garden Festival. There was a small pot of monies remaining from the Victoria Partnership Fund (£31k) to carry out highway improvements works to the Boulevard in order to bring it up to standard for adoption. Of this £31k, £4992 was allocated to improving street-lighting in the area and a small amount for landscaping works. These works have not come out of the prudential borrowing pot.

### Company Shop, Tredegar

The Council has acquired the site and the final paperwork is awaited. A meeting was held with CADW, where ‘in principle’ agreement was granted, and the Council would be submitting an application to demolish parts of the listed building sufficient to allow the reopening of the highway (budget pending). Work was progressing on the LBC application.