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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

18th September, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Audit Committee will be held in Virtually via Microsoft Teams - if you would like to attend this meeting live via Microsoft Teams please contact committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk on Tuesday, 29th September, 2020 at 9.30 am.

Yours faithfully

Michelle Morris
Managing Director

AGENDA

Pages

1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation service will be provided if requested.

2. APOLOGIES

We welcome correspondence in the medium of Welsh or English. / Croesawn ohebiaith trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg.

To receive.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

To receive.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

To appoint the Chair of the Audit Committee for the 2020/2021 ensuing year.

5. **TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

To discuss.

6. **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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To receive the minutes of the special Audit Committee held on 10th March, 2020.

(Please note the minutes are submitted for accuracy points only)

7. **AUDIT WALES – BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S 2020-21 IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

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To consider the report of the Head of Governance and Partnerships.

8. **SUPPORTING FINANCIAL RESILIENCE – AUDIT WALES FOLLOW UP REVIEW**

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To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

9. **RESPONSE TO AUDIT WALES ENQUIRY TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

10. **DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/2020**

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Due to the need to consider the following item as a matter of urgency, the Vice-Chair of the Committee has confirmed that the following matter can be considered under the Provisions of Paragraph 4(b),

Section 100(b) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

REASON FOR URGENCY

To enable the Committee, at the earliest opportunity, to consider and challenge the Council's Draft Statement of Accounts for 2019/20 prior to receiving the Final Accounts in November 2020 – this is in line with good practice requirements.

To consider report of the Chief Officer Resources.

11. INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER 225 - 236

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

12. CODE OF GOVERNANCE 237 - 258

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

13. AUDIT PLAN OUTTURN 2019-20 259 - 270

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

14. ANNUAL UPDATE – USE OF POWERS UNDER THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) 2000 271 - 274

To consider the report of the Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance.

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Councillor M. Moore
Councillor K. Rowson
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Councillor S. Thomas
Councillor H. Trollope
Councillor L. Winnett

All other Members (for information)
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