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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

10th March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Social Services Scrutiny 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 Wednesday, 17th March, 2021 at 10.00 am.

Please note that a pre and post meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the start and following the conclusion of the meeting for members of the committee.

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

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

should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

2. **APOLOGIES**

To receive.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION**

To consider any declarations of interests and dispensations made.

4. **SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES** 5 - 14

To receive the Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 21st January, 2021.

(Please note the Minutes are submitted for points of accuracy only)

5. **REVISED SAFE REDUCTION OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER STRATEGY 2020- 2025** 15 - 36

To consider the report of the Head of Children's Services.

6. **UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE MY SUPPORT TEAM** 37 - 42

To consider the report of the Head of Children's Services.

7. **CHILDREN'S SERVICES RESPONSE TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC** 43 - 50

To consider the report of the Head of Children's Services.

8. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 22ND APRIL 2021** 51 - 54

To receive the report.

To receive and consider the following report(s) which in the opinion of the proper officer is/are an exempt item(s) taking into account consideration of the public interest test and that the press and public should be excluded

from the meeting (the reason for the decision for the exemption is available on a schedule maintained by the proper officer).

9. **UPDATE ON LEGAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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To consider the report of the Head of Children's Services.

To: Councillor S. Thomas (Chair)
Councillor K. Rowson (Vice-Chair)
Councillor D. Bevan
Councillor G. Collier
Councillor G. A. Davies
Councillor G. L. Davies
Councillor P. Edwards
Councillor K. Hayden
Councillor W. Hodgins
Councillor J. Holt
Councillor M. Moore
Councillor G. Paulsen
Councillor T. Sharrem
Councillor B. Summers
Councillor T. Smith

All other Members (for information)
Manager Director
Chief Officers