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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

13th January 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee will be held virtually via MS Teams - if you would like to attend please contact committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk on 20th January, 2022 at 10.00am.

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.

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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 - 12

To receive the Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 18th November, 2021.

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

5. **ACTION SHEET - 18TH NOVEMBER 2021** 13 - 18

To receive action sheet.

6. **CORPORATE PARENTING PROGRESS REPORT 2021-22** 19 - 72

To consider the report of the Service Manager Children's Services.

7. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2021/2022 (QUARTERS 1 AND 2)** 73 - 110

To consider the report of the Corporate Director Social Services.

8. **SOCIAL WORKER VACANCY RATES IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES, PAY AND INCENTIVES** 111 - 122

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

9. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 3RD MARCH 2022** 123 - 126

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).

10. **DEVELOPMENT OF A CAERPHILLY / BLAENAU** 127 - 132
GWENT COLLABORATION IN PROVIDING LEGAL
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN'S SOCIAL SERVICES

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