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**THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND**

28th October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

## **GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee will be held as a Hybrid Meeting: via Microsoft Team/Abraham Darby Room, General Offices, Ebbw Vale on Tuesday, 2nd November, 2021 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. **GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE** 5 - 12

To receive the minutes of the Governance & Audit Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

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

5. **ACTION SHEET**

There were no actions arising from the meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

6. **AUDIT WALES - FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** 13 - 34

To consider report of the Chief Officer Resources.

7. **AUDIT WALES: REVIEW OF PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL RESILIENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES** 35 - 62

To consider report of the Head of Community Services.

8. **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT** 63 - 76

To consider report of the Professional Lead Internal Audit.

9. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/2021** 77 - 246

To consider report of the Chief Officer Resources.

10. **AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 247 - 266

To receive Audit Wales report.

11. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT** 267 - 298

To consider report of the Audit & Risk Manager.

12. **ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT – USE OF POWERS UNDER THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) 2000** 299 - 302

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

13. **THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES 2020/2021** 303 - 312

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

To: T. Edwards (Chair)  
Councillor S. Healy (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor P. Baldwin  
Councillor D. Davies  
Councillor D. Hancock  
Councillor J. Hill  
Councillor W. Hodgins  
Councillor J. Holt  
Councillor J. Millard  
Councillor M. Moore  
Councillor J. C. Morgan  
Councillor K. Rowson  
Councillor B. Summers  
Councillor S. Thomas  
Councillor H. Trollope  
Councillor L. Winnett  
M. Veale

All other Members (for information)  
Manager Director  
Chief Officers