

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL - 10TH JUNE, 2022

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC OFFICER

PRESENT: Councillors C. Smith (Presiding Member)
C. Bainton
P. Baldwin
S. Behr
D. Bevan
K. Chaplin
M. Cross
H. Cunningham
D. Davies
G. A. Davies
M. Day
S. Edmunds
J. Gardner
J. Hill
W. Hodgins
J. Holt
G. Humphreys
R. Leadbeater
E. Jones
J. Morgan, J.P.
J. C. Morgan
J. P. Morgan
L. Parsons
D. Rowberry
T. Smith
G. Thomas
J. Thomas
S. Thomas
H. Trollope
J. Wilkins
L. Winnett

WITH:

Corporate Director of Education
Chief Officer Resources
Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance
Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships
Head of Community Services
Democratic Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<p><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></p> <p>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>	
No. 2	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were reported for Councillor D. Woods, the Interim Chief Executive and the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>STANDING COMMITTEES AND STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES</u></p> <p>The Leader of the Council reported that the Planning & General Licensing Committee would be split moving forward, i.e. Planning Committee, General Licensing Committee; and Statutory Licensing Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following be appointed:</p> <p><u>Planning Committee</u> <u>11 Members – Proportionality 7:4</u></p> <p>1. Chair - Councillor L. Winnett</p>	

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| 2. | Vice Chair - | Councillor D. Bevan |
| 3. | Councillors | P. Baldwin |
| 4. | | M. Day |
| 5. | | J. Gardner |
| 6. | | J. Hill |
| 7. | | W. Hodgins |
| 8. | | G. Humphreys |
| 9. | | J. Morgan, J.P. |
| 10. | | J. Thomas |
| 11. | | D. Wilkshire |

**Ward Members to be invited re planning site meetings without voting rights.*

General Licensing Committee

11 Members – Proportionality 7:4

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| 1. | Chair - | Councillor L. Winnett |
| 2. | Vice Chair - | Councillor D. Bevan |
| 3. | Councillors | S. Behr |
| 4. | | M. Cross |
| 5. | | G. A. Davies |
| 6. | | J. Gardner |
| 7. | | G. Humphreys |
| 8. | | L. Parsons |

9. D. Rowberry

10. G. Thomas

11. D. Woods

General Licensing Sub-Committee (Rolling Rota)

3 Members – (No Proportionality)

1. Chair Councillor
or
Vice Chair Councillor

Plus 2 other Members of the General Licensing Committee

Statutory Licensing Committee

11 Members – Proportionality 7:4

1. Chair - Councillor L. Winnett

2. Vice Chair - Councillor D. Bevan

3. Councillors S. Behr

4. M. Cross

5. G. A. Davies

6. J. Gardner

7. G. Humphreys

8. L. Parsons

9. D. Rowberry

10. G. Thomas

11. D. Woods

Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee (Rolling Rota)

3 Members – (No Proportionality)

1. Chair Councillor
or
2. Vice Chair Councillor

Plus 2 other Members of the Statutory Licensing Committee

Democratic Services Committee

9 Members - Proportionality 6:3

1. Chair Councillor J. Holt
2. Vice Chair - Councillor C. Bainton
3. Executive Member - Councillor J. C. Morgan
4. Councillors D. Bevan
5. M. Day
6. E. Jones
7. L. Parsons
8. C. Smith
9. L. Winnett

** Chair and Vice Chair of Scrutiny Committees to be invited without voting rights.*

Governance & Audit Committee

9 Members – Proportionality 4:2 plus 3 Lay Members

- Chair Lay Member – To be confirmed
1. Vice Chair - Councillor S. Behr

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| 2. | Councillors | J. Gardner |
| 3. | | W. Hodgins |
| 4. | | C. Smith |
| 5. | | T. Smith |
| 6. | | J. Wilkins |
| 7. | Lay Member | - Mr. T. Edwards |
| 8. | Lay Member | – Mr. M. Veale |
| 9. | Lay Member | |

Governance & Audit Committee Appointments Panel 3:2

1. Councillor S. Behr
2. Councillor W. Hodgins
3. Councillor C. Smith
4. Councillor T. Smith
5. Councillor J. Wilkins

**Standards Committee - 9 Members –
(3 County Borough Councillors/5 External Members/
1 Community Council Member)**

1. Town Councillor – To be confirmed
 2. Mr. R. Lynch
 3. Mr. Stephen Williams
 4. Mr R. Alexander
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5. Mrs Sarah Rosser
 6. Miss H. Roberts
 7. Councillor M. Cross
 8. Councillor J. Thomas
 9. Councillor L. Winnett

Longlisting/Shortlisting – JNC Officers
7 Members – Proportionality 5:2

1. Leader or Deputy Leader
2. Executive Member for appropriate Portfolio
3. Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
4. Vice-Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
5. Councillor S. Behr
6. Councillor J. Hill
7. Councillor G. Thomas

Substitutes

1. Councillor P. Baldwin
 2. Councillor D. Bevan
 3. Councillor J. Thomas
 4. Councillor L. Winnett
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Appointments Committee – JNC Officers

7 Members – Proportionality 5:2

1. Chair – Leader or Deputy Leader
2. Executive Member for appropriate Portfolio
3. Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
4. Vice- Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
5. Councillors S. Behr
7. J. Hill
8. G. Thomas

*N.B. Appointments to be made by group leader as required.
Executive Member of Appropriate Portfolio(s) Scrutiny Chair of
Appropriate Portfolio(s)*

Substitutes

1. Councillor P. Baldwin
2. Councillor D. Bevan
3. Councillor J. Thomas
4. Councillor L. Winnett

Longlisting/Shortlisting – Managing Director/Chief Executive - 7
Members – Proportionality 5:2

1. Leader of the Council
2. Deputy Leader of the Council
3. Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
4. Deputy Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
5. Councillor S. Behr

6. Councillor To be confirmed
7. Councillor To be confirmed

Officer additions if appropriate

Substitutes

1. Councillor P. Baldwin
2. Councillor D. Bevan
3. Councillor J. Thomas
4. Councillor L. Winnett

Appointments Committee –

Managing Director/ Chief Executive - 7 Members – Proportionality

5:2

1. Chair Leader
2. Vice-Chair Deputy Leader
3. Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
4. Deputy Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
5. Councillors S. Behr
6. To be confirmed
7. To be confirmed

N.B. Appointments to be made by group leader as required. Executive Member of Appropriate Portfolio(s), Scrutiny Chair of Appropriate Portfolio(s)

Substitutes

1. Councillor P. Baldwin

2. Councillor D. Bevan

3. Councillor J. Thomas

4. Councillor L. Winnett

Appeals Committee

**1 Member to be selected from the following to Chair the Committee.*

Chair of People Scrutiny Committee

Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee

Chair of Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Chair of Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee

* 1 Member to be selected from the following Labour Group Members:-

Councillors

1. S. Behr
2. J. Thomas
3. L. Winnett

* 1 Member to be selected from the following Independent Group Members:-

Councillors

1. G. Humphreys
2. J. P. Morgan
3. G. Thomas

** On a Rolling Rota*

Substitute Members

Councillors

1. P. Baldwin
2. M. Cross
3. E. Jones
4. T. Smith
5. D. Davies
6. G. A. Davies
7. J. Hill

Investigating & Disciplinary Committee
(jnc & Chief Officers)

- Councillors
1. CHAIR J. Thomas
 2. M. Cross
 3. C. Smith
 4. T. Smith
 5. L. Winnett

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SPECIAL AND AD HOC COMMITTEES/CONSULTATION MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

Gwent Public Service Board

1. Leader of the Council / Executive Member – Corporate Overview & Performance

Councillor S. Thomas

Consultation with Trade Unions

1. Leader/ Executive Member – Corporate Overview & Performance
2. Deputy Leader /Executive Member – Place & Environment
3. Appropriate Portfolio Member(s)

Fostering Panel (Social Services)

1. Councillor D. Bevan

Sub:- Councillor D. Rowberry

Blaenau Gwent & Care and Repair Board

1. Councillor S. Behr
2. Councillor E. Jones

Education Admissions Forum

1. Executive Member – People & Education
Councillor S. Edmunds
2. Chair – People Scrutiny Committee
Councillor T. Smith

Schools Forum

1. Executive Member – People & Education
Councillor S. Edmunds
2. Chair – People Scrutiny Committee
Councillor T. Smith

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
(SACRE)

1. Executive Member – People & Education
Councillor S. Edmunds
2. Chair – People Scrutiny Committee
Councillor T. Smith

Getting to Know Our Schools Sub Group
(same membership as Scrutiny Committee)

1. Chair – People Scrutiny Committee
Councillor T. Smith
 2. Vice Chair – People Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Jen Morgan, J.P.
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| 3. | Councillors | D. Bevan |
| 4. | | C. Bainton |
| 5. | | K. Chaplin |
| 6. | | G. Davies |
| 7. | | J. Holt |
| 8. | | G. Thomas |
| 9. | | D. Wilkshire |

* Chair and Vice Chair to endeavour to be at each meeting

** All members to be invited to attend sub-group meeting.

Tomorrow Valley Project

1. Executive Member – Place & Environment
Councillor H. Cunningham
2. Executive Member - Corporate Overview & Performance
Councillor S. Thomas

Constitution Working Group

1. Leader of the Council
2. Deputy Leader of the Council
3. Leader of the Independent Group
4. Deputy Leader of the Independent Group
5. Presiding Member

Freedom of the Borough – Cross Party Working Group

1. Councillors C. Bainton
2. D. Bevan
3. J. Hill
4. G. Humphreys
5. C. Smith

Leisure and Libraries Strategic Group

1. Leader of the Council (Chair)
2. Executive Member – People & Education

Grants Working Group

14 Members - Proportionality 9:5

1 Member from each Ward on a political proportionality basis.

1. Councillors L. Parsons (Llanhilleth Ward)
 2. K. Chaplin (Abertillery & Six Bells Ward)
 3. J. Gardner (Brynmawr Ward)
 4. M. Day (Cwmtillery Ward)
 5. L. Winnett (Blaina Ward)
 6. C. Smith (Beaufort Ward)
 7. G. Humphreys (Cwm Ward)
 8. D. Rowberry (Sirhowy Ward)
 9. C. Bainton (Ebbw Vale South Ward)
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10. D. Davies (Ebbw Vale North Ward)
11. S. Thomas (Tredegar Ward)
12. J. Thomas (Georgetown Ward)
13. G. A. Davies (Rassau & Garnlydan Ward)
14. P. Baldwin (Nantyglo Ward)

Advisory Panel for the Appointment of Local Authority Governors'

1. Executive Member – People & Education
(Chair)

Councillor S. Edmunds

2. Councillor D. Bevan
3. Councillor D. Davies
4. Councillor G. A. Davies
5. Councillor – Jen Morgan, J.P.
6. Councillor – T. Smith

Substitutes:

1. Councillor E. Jones
2. Councillor J. Gardner
3. Councillor J. P. Morgan
4. Councillor G. Thomas
5. Councillor D. Woods
6. Councillor D. Wilkshire

Observer: A representative of the Blaenau Gwent School Governors' Association (BGSGA)

Community Asset Transfer Steering Group

1. **Executive Member – Place & Environment**
Councillor H. Cunningham

Tredegar Heritage Initiative

1. Councillor E. Jones
2. Councillor D. Rowberry
3. Councillor T. Smith
4. Councillor J. Thomas

Tredegar Town Council Representative

Cost Pressure Sub-Group

1. **Leader of the Council/Executive Member – Corporate Overview & Performance**
Councillor S. Thomas
2. **Deputy Leader of the Council/ Place & Environment**
Councillor H. Cunningham
3. **Executive Member – People & Social Services**
Councillor H. Trollope
4. **Executive Member – People & Education**
Councillor S. Edmunds
5. **Executive Member – Place & Regeneration**
Councillor J. C. Morgan
6. **Chair of Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor J. Wilkins

7. **Vice Chair of Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor J. Thomas

Blaenau Gwent Enterprise Board

1. Leader or Deputy Leader
2. Executive Member – Place & Regeneration
3. Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services

Corporate Parenting Board

1. Executive Member – People & Social Services
2. Chair of People Scrutiny Committee
3. Councillor D. Bevan
4. Councillor J. Gardner
5. Councillor J. Morgan, J.P.

Member Champions

Equalities, Welsh Language and Diversity

Councillor C. Smith

Age Friendly

Councillor H. Trollope

Poverty and Inequality

Councillor C. Bainton

Climate Mitigation
Councillor S. Behr

Armed Forces
Councillor D. Bevan (appointed at Annual Council 26th May)

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COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

Adult Learning Wales (formerly Workers' Educational Association YMCA Wales Community Council)

Scrutiny Chair – People

Age Concern Gwent Executive Committee Membership

Executive Member – People & Social Services

The Alliance

Executive Member – Place & Regeneration

Scrutiny Chair – Place

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council - Local Committee

1. Councillor H. Trollope
2. Councillor J. Thomas
3. **Vacancy**

Aneurin Bevan Health Board - Independent Review Panel to meet Continuing Health Care Needs

Scrutiny Chair – People

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – Stakeholder Reference Group

Executive Member – People & Social Services

Aneurin Leisure Trust – Community Chest Panel

Councillor C. Bainton

Book Council of Wales

Councillor S. Thomas

Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Regional Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Chair – Place

Councillor M. Cross

Scrutiny Vice-Chair – Place

CSC (Compound Semi Conductor Board (Part of IQE Investment through City Deal)

Executive Member – Place & Regeneration

Executive Member – Place & Environment

CCR Regional Transport Authority

Executive Member – Place & Regeneration

Duke of Beaufort's Breconshire Estate Commoner's Association

Councillor M. Cross

E.A.S. - Education Achievement Service Company Board

Executive Member – Place & Regeneration

Substitute: Executive Member – Place & Environment

Joint Executive Group (JEG)

Executive Member – People & Education

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Councillor L. Winnett

Councillor T. Smith

G.A.V.O. - Executive Committee

Executive Member – People & Social Services

Councillor H. Trollope

- Local Committee

Executive Member – People & Social Services

Councillor H. Trollope

G.A.V.O. - Be Proud of your Community Gwent Awards

(Formerly - Gwent Best Kept Village Committee)

Councillor E. Jones

Greater Gwent Cremation Joint Committee

Scrutiny Chair – Place
Councillor M. Cross

Substitute: Scrutiny Vice-Chair - Place
Councillor R. Leadbeater

Gwent Archives Joint Committee

(Formerly known as Gwent Joint Records Committee)

Executive Member – Place & Regeneration
Vacancy

Gwent Regional Partnership Board

Gwent Regional Partnership Board

Local Government Association

Leader
Deputy Leader

Joint Council for Wales

Employers Side

Executive Member – Corporate Overview & Performance

Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust

Councillor M Cross

National Adoption Service Governance Board

Executive Member – People & Social Services

PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee

Scrutiny Chair – Place
Councillor M. Cross

Substitute: Scrutiny Vice-Chair - Place
Councillor R. Leadbeater

Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Wales – Local Government Representation

Councillor D. Bevan

Rural Development Programme – Local Action Group

Councillor G. Humphreys

SRS Strategic Board

Councillor J. Gardner

Vision in Wales

(formerly Wales Council for the Blind)

Executive Member – People & Social Services

Scrutiny Chair – People

Welsh Local Government Association

Leader of the Council

WLGA Executive Board

Leader of the Council

W.L.G.A. Council and Voting

Leader of the Council

Substitute: Deputy Leader of the Council

W.L.G.A. – All Wales Social Services Policy Group

Executive Member – People & Social Services

W.L.G.A. - Environment Champion

Executive Member – Place & Environment

W.L.G.A. - Finance Working Group

Officer Appointments

Chief Officer Resources

Ms R. Hayden

**WLGA - Corporate Affairs – Public Private Partnership Ltd –
Management Board**

Member Appointment

Executive Member – Corporate Overview & Performance

WLGA - Cultural Affairs & Leisure –

South Wales Regional Committee

Executive Member – Place & Environment

Wales Council for Deaf People

Executive Member – People & Social Services

Welsh Joint Education Committee

Executive Member – People & Education

Youth Offending Service - Local Management Board

Executive Member – People & Social Services

LEA REPRESENTATION ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Abertillery Learning Community

Mr. Daryl Tovey

Mr Richard Bevan

Nigel Daniels

Martin Cook

Ms Deborah Mary Field

All Saints R. C. Primary

Mrs Pat Mitchell

All Saints R. C. Primary

Mr. Roy Lynch

Mr Rhion Hollister

Blaen-y-Cwm Primary

Ms Natasha Tepielow

Stephen Connolly

Bryn Bach Primary

Ms. Gemma Badham

Councillor Malcolm Cross

Councillor Diane Rowberry

Brynmawr Foundation

Ms Stephanie Hopkins

Councillor John Hill

Canolfan Yr Afon (The River Centre)

Richard Crook

Lee Powell

Jan English

Additional representatives:

Richard Barrett wef 15/11/21

Ms Lesley Bush wef 15/11/21

Ms Jenna Undery wef 15/11/21

Coed y Garn Primary

Mr. Kenneth Jones

Mr Raffi Abbas

Cwm Primary

Councillor Derrick Bevan

Mrs Kathryn Cross

Ms. Natalie Marshall

Deighton Primary Tredegar

Councillor Haydn Trollope

Councillor Jaqueline Thomas

Delyth Pearsall

Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

Clive Meredith

Councillor Dai Davies

Adam King

Georgetown Primary, Tredegar

Mandy Moore

Councillor John C. Morgan

Ms Donna Hardman

Glanhowy Primary, Tredegar

Miss Joanne Davies

Councillor Tommy Smith

Ms. Tara Lane

Glyncoed Primary

Clive Meredith

Ms. Andrea C. Roberts

Mr. Mostyn I. Smith

Penycwm Special

Hannah Williams

Mrs Jennifer Morgan

Tim Baxter

Rhos y Fedwen Primary

Councillor David Wilkshire

Councillor Gareth A. Davies

Phil Edwards

Sofrydd Primary

Mrs Gill Clark
Debra Fields
Sian Barrett

St. Illtyd's Primary

Mrs Keri Jones
Lucy Allsopp

St. Joseph's R.C. Primary

Councillor Malcolm Cross

St Marys Brynmawr CIW Primary

Claire Gardner

**St. Mary's RC Primary Brynmawr
Vacancy**

Tredegar Comprehensive

Councillor John C. Morgan
Councillor Haydn Trollope
Ms. Melanie Rogers
Mr Peter Harriman

Willowtown Primary

Councillor David C. Davies
Mrs Sian Barrett
Judith Waring

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg, Blaina

Councillor John Hill
Mrs Tracey Dyson

Ystruth Primary

Councillor Lisa Winnett
Garth Collier
Kerys Beese
