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

23rd March 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held in Remotely Via Microsoft Teams - if you would like to attend this meeting live via Microsoft Teams please contact committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk on Thursday, 30th March, 2023 at 10.00 am.

Yours faithfully



Damien McCann  
Interim Chief Executive

**AGENDA**

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**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 will be provided if requested.

**2. APOLOGIES**

To receive.

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg a byddwn yn cyfathrebu gyda chi yn eich dewis iaith, dim ond i chi rhoi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn creu unrhyw oedi.

The Council welcomes correspondence in Welsh and English and we will communicate with you in the language of your choice, as long as you let us know which you prefer. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to any delay.

- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

To consider any declarations of interest and dispensations received.
- 4. PRESIDING MEMBER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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To: Councillor C. Smith (Presiding Member)  
Councillor C. Bainton

Councillor P. Baldwin  
Councillor S. Behr  
Councillor D. Bevan  
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Councillor M. Cross  
Councillor H. Cunningham  
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Councillor G. A. Davies  
Councillor M. Day  
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Councillor J. Hill  
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Councillor R. Leadbeater  
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All other Members (for information)  
Interim Chief Executive  
Chief Officers