

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: CORPORATE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2022**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR J. WILKINS (CHAIR)**

Councillors J. Thomas (Vice-Chair)  
C. Bainton  
M. Day  
G. Humphreys  
E. Jones  
R. Leadbeater  
C. Smith  
T. Smith

**WITH:** Interim Corporate Director Social Services  
Head of Regeneration  
Chief Officer Resources  
Head of Community Services  
Head of Organisational Development  
Head of Governance and Partnerships  
Service Manager – Customer Experience & Transformation  
Scrutiny and Democratic Officer  
Press Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	

<b>No. 2</b>	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>The following apologies for absence were received:-</p> <p>Corporate Director Education Head of School Improvement Strategic Education Improvement Manager Service Manager Inclusion</p>	
<b>No. 3</b>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
<b>No. 4</b>	<p><b><u>COST OF LIVING DISCRETIONARY SCHEME</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>A Member proposed an amendment to the recommendation that £30,000 be provided to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank as the main recipient and a discretionary fund of £70,000 be established to allow other food distribution groups/organisations to apply for funding from the Council to assist in delivering work within their respective communities.</p> <p>This proposal was seconded and agreed.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and proposed the Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme and suggest amendments to Council prior to adoption of the scheme (Option 2).</p>	
<b>No. 5</b>	<p><b><u>SICKNESS ABSENCE PERFORMANCE 2021/22</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend, that the report be accepted and the Scrutiny Committee endorsed the report and the ongoing actions to support improvement in attendance.</p>	