

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 26TH OCTOBER, 2022**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER**

---

**PRESENT: Leader/Cabinet Member - Corporate Overview & Performance**

Councillor S. Thomas

**Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member – Place & Environment**

Councillor H. Cunningham

**Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration**

Councillor J.C. Morgan

**Cabinet Member – People & Education**

Councillor S. Edmunds

**WITH:** Interim Chief Executive  
Corporate Director Education  
Interim Corporate Director Social Services  
Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services  
Chief Officer Resources  
Chief Officer Customer & Commercial  
Head of Organisational Development  
Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance  
Service Manager Infrastructure  
Communications, Marketing and Customer Access Manager  
Marketing & Communications Projects Officer

| ITEM  | SUBJECT  | ACTION |
|-------|--|--------|
| No. 1 | <p><b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>   |        |
| No. 2 | <p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received for Councillor H. Trollope, Cabinet Member People &amp; Social Services.</p>   |        |
| No. 3 | <p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>   |        |
|       | <p><b><u>GENERAL MATTERS</u></b></p>   |        |
| No. 4 | <p><b><u>CONFERENCES, COURSES, INVITATIONS AND EVENTS</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the following:</p> <p><u>Wales and the Battle of Britain Historical Exhibition - Monday, 10th October, 2022</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor D. Bevan, Armed Forces Champion be approved to attend.</p> <p><u>Annual Briefing, HMS CAMBRIA – Thursday, 20th October, 2022.</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor D. Bevan, Armed Forces Champion be approved attend.</p> <p><u>GAVO Awards - 25th October, 2022</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor C. Smith, Presiding Member be approved to attend.</p> |        |
|       | <p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p>   |        |
| No. 5 | <p><b><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u></b></p>   |        |

|              |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
|              | <p>Consideration was given to the Decisions of the Executive Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2022.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>  |  |
|              | <p><b><u>CORPORATE SERVICES &amp; PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u></b></p>  |  |
| <b>No. 6</b> | <p><b><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 7TH DECEMBER 2022</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Democratic &amp; Scrutiny Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Forward Work Programme for the Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 be approved as presented.</p>  |  |
| <b>No. 7</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>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Cabinet agree the ongoing actions to support improvement in attendance. (Option 2)</p>   |  |
| <b>No. 8</b> | <p><b><u>THE ANNUAL LETTER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES 2021/2022</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Legal &amp; Corporate Compliance.</p> <p>RESOVLED that the report be accepted and the Cabinet was informed of the Council's performance with regard to complaints made to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, and that the report has been referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for assurance that the process for the monitoring of complaints is robust and the performance information provided reflects these practices. (Option 1)</p> |  |
|              | <p><b><u>PEOPLE &amp; EDUCATION PORTFOLIO</u></b></p>  |  |

|                      |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| <p><b>No. 9</b></p>  | <p><b><u>STATUTORY MAINTAINED SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information in the report and appendices be noted. (Option 1)</p>   |  |
| <p><b>No. 10</b></p> | <p><b><u>REVIEW OF INCLUSION/ALN STRATEGIES, POLICIES AND PRACTICES</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the joint report of the Corporate Director of Education and the Head of School Improvement &amp; Inclusion.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report and attached strategies/policies be accepted as presented. (Option 1)</p>  |  |
| <p><b>No. 11</b></p> | <p><b><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted as provided. (Option 1)</p>  |  |
|                      | <p><b><u>PLACE &amp; ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO</u></b></p>   |  |
| <p><b>No. 12</b></p> | <p><b><u>REVIEW OF HIGHWAY CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2017 – 2022</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Head of Community Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Option 2b be approved, namely that in the event that funding does become available the following options be proposed: -</p> <p><b>Option 2a: Highest Priority Classified Roads (ranked in order of priority) Estimated Total Cost £500,000</b></p> <p>1. A467 Warm Turn Carriageway Resurfacing £75k<br/>2. Tafarnaubach Ind Est (Top Road) Resurfacing £175k</p> |  |

|                      |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|
|                      | <p>3. Blaenant Ind Est Roundabout Resurfacing £75k<br/> 4. Big Arch / Steelworks Road / GO Resurfacing £50k<br/> 5. A4046 - Waun-Y-Pound Road, Ebbw Vale £25k<br/> 6. College Road, Ebbw Vale £100k</p> <p><b>Option 2b - as Option 2a plus 5 worst Residential Roads &amp; Other Highway Related Works – Estimated Total Cost £1,000,000</b></p> <p>Residential Roads: 5no priority residential roads £350k<br/> Other Highway Related Works: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crash Barriers £50k</li> <li>• Road Markings, signs and bollards £35k</li> <li>• Speed Humps £50k</li> <li>• Traffic Order Reviews £15k</li> </ul> <p>Options 2a &amp; 2b may vary subject to the level of available funding that may be made available.</p> |  |
|                      | <p><b><u>JOINT PORTFOLIO - PEOPLE &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES/PEOPLE &amp; EDUCATION</u></b></p>   |  |
| <p><b>No. 13</b></p> | <p><b><u>CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING PERFORMANCE REPORT, INCLUDING INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICES 1ST APRIL TO 30TH JUNE 2022 AND EDUCATION SUMMER TERM-2022</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to joint report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services and Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the approach and information detailed in the report be accepted. (Option 1)</p>   |  |