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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

11th November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee will be held via Teams meeting (if you wish to view the meeting on line please contact committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) on Wednesday, 16th November, 2022 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 service will be provided if requested.

2. APOLOGIES

To receive.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

To receive.

4. **GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE** 5 - 8

To receive the decisions of the Governance & Audit Committee held on 21st September, 2022.

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

5. **ACTION SHEET - 21ST SEPTEMBER 2022** 9 - 10

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6. **SPECIAL GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE** 11 - 12

To receive the decisions of the Special Governance & Audit Committee held on 20th October, 2022.

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

7. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23** 13 - 18

To receive

8. **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT** 19 - 32

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

9. **ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT – USE OF POWERS UNDER THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) 2000** 33 - 36

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

10. **COMPLAINTS INFORMATION FOR QUARTER 1 AND QUARTER 2 – 2022/2023** 37 - 54

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

11. **DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/2022** 55 - 224

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

To: J. Absalom (Chair)
Councillor S. Behr (Vice-Chair)
Councillor J. Gardner
Councillor W. Hodgins
Councillor C. Smith
Councillor T. Smith
Councillor J. Wilkins
T. Edwards
M. Veale

All other Members (for information)
Interim Chief Executive
Chief Officers