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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

25th January 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee will be held via Microsoft Teams (if you would like to view this meeting please contact committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) on Monday, 30th January, 2023 at 9.30 am.

Yours faithfully



Damien McCann
Interim Chief Executive

AGENDA

Pages

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 16th November, 2022.

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

5. **ACTION SHEET** 9 - 10

To receive the Action Sheet arising from the meeting held on 16th November, 2022.

6. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23** 11 - 16

To receive.

7. **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT** 17 - 36

To consider the report of Professional Lead - Internal Audit.

8. **EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT OF BLAENAU GWENT INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES** 37 - 78

To consider the report of the Audit and Risk Manager.

EXEMPT ITEM

To receive and consider the following report which in the opinion of the proper officer is an exempt item taking into account consideration of the public interest test and that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting (the reason for the decision for the exemption is available on a schedule maintained by the proper officer).

9. **BLAENAU GWENT COUNCIL'S POSITION IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS IN AUDIT WALES' REPORT 'LEARNING FROM CYBER ATTACKS'** 79 - 118

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources and SIRO.

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

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