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

Date Not Specified Date Not Specified

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **PWYLLGOR CRAFFU LLEOEDD**

A meeting of the Pwyllgor Craffu Lleoedd will be held in Hyrbid Meeting via Microsoft Teams/Abraham Derby Meeting Room, General Offices, Ebbw Vale on Dydd Mawrth, 20fed Medi, 2022 at 10.00 am.

Yours faithfully

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Damien McCann Interim Chief Executive

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Mae croeso i chi ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg yn y cyfarfod, mae angen o leiaf 3 diwrnod gwaith o hysbysiad ymlaen llaw os dymunwch wneud hynny. Darperir gwasanaeth cyfieithu ar y pryd os gwneir cais.

#### 2. <u>YMDDIHEURIADAU</u>

Derbyn ymddiheuriadau.

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.

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Ystyried adroddiad y Rheolwr Gwasanaeth Diogelu'r Cyhoedd.

M. Cross (Cadeirydd) To:

Councillor R. Leadbeater (Is-gadeirydd)

P. Baldwin

Councillor S. Behr

Councillor J. Gardner

J. Hill

J. Holt

J. P. Morgan

Councillor D. Rowberry

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



#### **COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE

**REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** 

SUBJECT: REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -

9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR J. HILL (CHAIR)

Councillors G.A. Davies

M. Cross

P. Edwards

K. Hayden

S. Healy

W. Hodgins

J.C. Morgan

H. McCarthy

L. Parsons

G. Paulsen

K. Rowson

M. Cook

B. Willis

AND: Head of Regeneration

Service Manager Business & Regeneration Team Manager, Regeneration Opportunities

Skills Development Manager - Aspire Blaenau Gwent

Marketing & Communications Officer Scrutiny & Democratic Officer/Advisor

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

No. 2	APOLOGIES						
	No apologies for absence were reported.						
No. 3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS						
	Councillors G. Paulsen and W. Hodgins declared an interest in the following item:	w					
	Item No. 8 Aspire Shared Apprenticeship Programme						
No. 4	REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE						
	The minutes of the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 were submitted.						
	The Committee AGREED that the minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.						
No. 5	ACTION SHEET – 8 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021						
	The Action Sheet arising from the meeting of the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 was submitted.						
	Trinity Chapel						
	The Service Manager Regeneration Opportunities provided a verbal update, and undertook to circulate a briefing note for Members to include costs.						
	Following discussions at the last meeting and Members' request for information on the costs of the project, the Officer reported that the acquisition costs for the building in 2009 was £95k, and was undertaken because the building was in disrepair and was becoming an issue within the Town Centre. The building was originally acquired with a view to accommodate an indoor market on the ground floor and business incubation units on the upper two levels.						
	The project was developed and the tender price was £740k. Funding was secured via the Convergence Programme along with match funding from other sources. However, the Officer reported that two significant issues had impacted on						

the timescale and costs of the project, i.e. the requirement for a build-over agreement with Welsh Water which delayed work for 5 months, and discovery of a further water main on site which delayed the project for a further 6 weeks. These unforeseen issues resulted in the original tender price increasing to £1.2m total cost. The deficit was grant funded through the Vibrant and Viable Places Programme.

In response to a question raised by a Member the Officer confirmed that the costs for the next phase and the library building was £900k.

A Member expressed concern regarding the escalating costs of the project and felt that the drainage issues should have been identified sooner if more research of the building had been undertaken.

Members said the costs were significant and felt that the original plans for the building would have been more appropriate for the Town Centre. A Member also asked whether the initial cost of £740k included internal works.

In response the Officer confirmed that the £740k was intended to cover internal and external works, but did not include the costs for the fit-out of the building.

A Member said this was the second occasion where the Council had incurred additional costs for trunk sewerage or water mains issues on major developments and questioned Welsh Water's responsibility in terms of keeping records.

Another Member asked when completion of the project could be expected.

The Officer confirmed that discussions were ongoing with Coalfields Regeneration Trust and the Council were pushing for the programme to commence as soon as possible. She said in terms of Welsh Government's budget profile the majority of spend was expected in the next financial year, so completion of the project was expected in 2022.

The Chair referred to the briefing note to be circulated to Members and asked that a timeline of the project to date be included.

The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing, that the Action Sheet be noted.

#### No. 6 LEVELLING UP FUNDING BID REQUEST

Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Business & Regeneration.

The Service Manager Business & Regeneration presented the report which sought authority to submit Levelling Up Funding (LUF) bids during the second call in line with the UK Government LUF timetable.

The Officer spoke to the report and highlighted points contained therein.

A Member said he understood that in the first round of bids only a few projects in Wales had been accepted, and stressed the importance of the Council having a breadth of projects available to move on.

The Officer agreed, he said the challenge was identifying projects that were deliverable and supported by Central Government, and this required a significant amount of work in terms of consultation and also the application itself.

Another Member said he was disappointed that this would fall outside the political process due to the pre-election period and asked whether there was a longer list of projects that could be considered.

The Officer said the purpose of the report was to highlight the opportunity and the challenges of identifying projects that fit the specific criteria. Officers were unable to do anything about the timeframe, but he assured that any projects submitted for bids would add value in terms of the regeneration of Blaenau Gwent, but also projects that were likely to succeed.

In response to a question raised by a Member regarding the Car Park in Ebbw Vale the Officer explained that the Car Park had been identified as a key project within the Placemaking Plan for the Town Centre, albeit there was work to be done to develop delivery models and negotiating

with current owners. However, since the additional guidance on LUF had been issued there may be other projects that would be more appropriate in terms of deliverability within the timeframes and specific criteria in the next round of funding. He said the Car Park had been provided as an example but pointed out that timeframes could preclude that type of funding.

A discussion ensued when the Officer explained that the Team were developing Placemaking Plans for Town Centres and these were very much focussed on Welsh Government funding. However, work had already commenced in terms of policy documents and providing evidence for the rationale and framework for projects, and this would provide the evidence and information required to feed into whatever opportunities come forward.

The Service Manager Regeneration Opportunities pointed out that this was not the only funding opportunity, and the reason for developing Placemaking Plans for each Town Centre was to have a series of projects and delivery plans in place to take forward should funding become available.

A Member said the report would allow Officers to continue their work, but provided flexibility around schemes and funds that could be accessed.

The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and applications be prepared for the next LUF round of bidding for the schemes identified in the report in paragraph 2.7. (Option 1)

#### No. 7 ANEURIN BEVAN DESTINATION STRATEGY

Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Business & Regeneration.

The Service Manager Business & Regeneration presented the report which sought endorsement of the Aneurin Bevan Destination Strategy, and provided a summary of the content of the Strategy and the Themes around which a range of projects are based. The Officer went through the report and highlighted points contained therein.

A Member said he felt there was not enough diversification within the report in recognising the achievements of other prominent figures from across Blaenau Gwent compared to Aneurin Bevan.

Another Member said the people of Tredegar were very proud of the achievements of Aneurin Bevan and the creation of the NHS from an idea founded in Tredegar. He said when considering development of Tredegar Town Centre it was recognised that there was no building that people could visit and learn the historical background of the town. He said 10 The Circle was an integral part of the development of the Town Centre and would not only provide a place for people to visit and learn the history of the NHS, but also increase footfall in the Town Centre. However, he agreed there were other key areas in Blaenau Gwent that needed focus and he believed that tourism could be a strategic way forward for the Borough in the future. He welcomed the report and said the new concept in Tredegar was already proving its worth.

Another Member said he welcomed the Study, however, he felt some elements were out of date as a number of schemes had now been developed. He said since the report was prepared a series of Town Centre Partnership Boards had been established which included a number of partners, and he suggested that destination management form part of the work of those Partnership Boards which could then feed into the overarching Destination Management Board.

The Officer agreed with the suggested approach. He said things had progressed in terms of project delivery, and the framework for overseeing regeneration had also been updated.

The Chair of the Destination Management Group confirmed that the Group was already considering how Blaenau Gwent could celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of the NHS next year, and was looking at partners to be involved in that work. However, he also agreed with previous comments

and confirmed that the Group was mindful of the fact that Blaenau Gwent had an extensive heritage of famous people that should also be celebrated.

The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and the Aneurin Bevan Strategy be supported with the amendments requested, prior to approval by the Executive Committee. (Option 2)

#### No. 8 ASPIRE SHARED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.

The Skills Development Manager presented the report which provided performance information on the Aspire Programme and associated external business engagement; and also performance information on the BGCBC internal apprenticeship programme.

The Officer spoke to the report and highlighted points contained therein.

A Member asked whether Registered Social Landlords in Blaenau Gwent were involved in the Programme.

The Officer confirmed that they had not recruited any apprentices to date. However, they did provide excellent work placements for looked after children on the Traineeship Programme in the construction sector.

The Member also asked whether apprenticeships could be offered within the Council's Business Support Section.

In response the Officer explained that this had not been pursued due to limited capacity within the Team, as current efforts were focussed on supporting and filling apprenticeship vacancies within the Social Care Team.

Another Member commended the Aspire Team on the success of the programme. He then referred to the shortage of staff within the Social Care Team and asked how it was intended to fill those vacant posts.

The Officer confirmed that the Team worked closely with Organisational Development to identify current vacancies that would be suitable for an apprenticeship. There were currently five Level 2 vacancies within the Social Care Team, and work was ongoing with the training provider secure training and NVQ support for those posts. However, in terms of identifying vacancies for apprenticeships, it was crucial that training providers have the funding capacity to provide training. The Officer said Social Care was a priority area with the vast majority of Officer time dedicated to filling vacancies within the sector.

A Member commended the work of the Aspire Team and said there was a need for the Programme to be expanded moving forward, particularly in the automotive sector.

The Officer confirmed that discussions were ongoing with Cardiff City Region and Welsh Government to look at opportunities to develop the Programme and widen the scope across other LA's. The Officer said the automotive industry was a key sector to consider, particularly with the maintenance of electric vehicles etc., and the Team could work with training providers to develop pathways into that sector. However, she pointed out that Aspire was a Programme Management Team and without sufficient capacity within learning providers then the Team would be unable to facilitate those opportunities, and she urged Members to lobby Welsh Government to ensure a sustainable future in the growth of apprenticeships and funding for learning providers.

In response to a question raised by a Member regarding funding, the Officer confirmed that discussions were ongoing with Welsh Government and Cardiff City Region to develop a proposal post 2022 and she hoped to provide an update on this in the near future.

A Member said College Gwent had a significant amount of money to develop the Monwel site and asked whether the Aspire Programme was involved in that work.

The Officer confirmed that Aspire was very much part of that work and had been working closely with College Gwent and Tech Valleys on this for a number of years. In terms of the

proposal itself, she confirmed that College Gwent had received funding to purchase equipment to develop programmes of learning in preparation for the opening of the Hive in September 2023. She said apprenticeships were at the forefront of industry within Blaenau Gwent many years ago, and it was intended to bring back a more modernised apprenticeship that would fill future skills gaps, looking at technology within the manufacturing industry. Hopefully a report would be presented in due course and Members would see significant development of that work.

The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted. (Option 2)

# No. 9 TRANSFORMING TOWNS EMPTY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FUND

Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

Consideration was given to report of the Team Manager Regeneration Opportunities.

The Service Manager Regeneration Opportunities presented the report which provided an overview of the Transforming Towns Empty Property Management Fund and sought support of the list of properties to include within the action plan submitted to Welsh Government. The Officer spoke to the report and highlighted points contained therein.

A discussion ensued when the Officer replied to questions and clarified points raised by Members.

The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report which contained information relation to the business affairs of persons other than the Authority be accepted and that the Council endorse and fully support the Enforcement Action Plan. Once the action plan has been approved by Welsh Government, the Council would then be invited to prepare and submit business plans for each of the properties that they need funds for. (Option 2)

The Chair reported that this was the last meeting of the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee prior to the local elections in May, and took the opportunity to thank Officers and Members for their support during the year.

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# Agenda Item 5

#### **Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

#### **Action Sheet**

#### Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 9th February 2022

Item	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Action Taken
5	Action Sheet – 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021  Welsh Audit of Commemoration	Policy Team	<ul> <li>Awaiting Welsh Government to issue guidance to Local Authorities on how to appropriately address matters identified through the National Audit of Commemoration. Welsh Government are due to hold stakeholder workshops (with LAs, CADW) in March, followed by a public consultation on the guidance.</li> <li>Following receipt of the guidance BG Council will consider appropriate action.</li> </ul>
5	Action Sheet – 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021  Trinity Chapel – A comprehensive briefing note to be provided on the costs associated with Trinity Chapel.	Amy Taylor	Briefing note attached and circulated to Members on 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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#### **Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**

# Trinity Chapel, Abertillery Financial Overview Briefing Note Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

- Trinity Chapel was acquired for £95,000 in 2009 utilising funding through the
  Heads of the Valleys Programme. Trinity Chapel was falling into disrepair and
  become a significant eyesore at the northern gateway to the town centre. The
  building was originally acquired with a view to accommodating an indoor
  market on the ground floor with potential for business incubation provision on
  its upper two levels.
- With the scheme being tendered at £740,000, The Council secured funds to refurbish the building under the European Convergence Programme, with match-funding also being provided by the Heads of the Valleys Programme and Targeted Investment.
- The scheme experienced two significant issues that have impacted on the timescales for delivery and overall project costs.
  - 1. The first issue (December 2013) required a 'build over agreement' with Welsh Water due to the discovery of an unforeseen sewer which delayed works on-site for 5 months whilst the necessary legal issue was resolved.
  - 2. The second issue (February 2015) delayed works on-site for 6 weeks as a result of the Contractors discovering an unforeseen water main that required a Welsh Water diversion.

The delay in the timescales for delivery also had a significant cost implication on the delivery of the scheme. The original tender price for the scheme was £670,000, which had escalated to £1,200,000. In order to bridge the identified deficit and subsequently complete works on-site, the Council in 2016 secured £640,000 through the Welsh Government's Vibrant and Viable Places programme.

 The cost to undertake the internal refit to accommodate the proposed library, adult education and art gallery facility is estimated to be in the region of £900,000. This cost was based on a tender exercise undertaken in September 2021.



#### **COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE

**COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** 

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022** 

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M. MOORE (CHAIR)

Councillors C. Meredith

P. Baldwin

M. Cook

M. Day S. Healy

W. Hodgins

P. Edwards

J. Holt

J.C. Morgan

L. Parsons

B. Summers

L. Winnett

WITH: Corporate Director Regeneration & Community

Services

**Head of Community Services** 

Service Manager Neighbourhood Services

Service Manager Public Protection

Team Manager Frontline Enforcement Service.
Team Manager Housing Solutions & Compliance

Scrutiny & Democratic Officer/Advisor

AND: Councillor J. Wilkins, Executive Member Environment

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

### No. 2 **APOLOGIES** No apologies for absence were reported. No. 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS** No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported. **COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** No. 4 The minutes of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 were submitted. The Committee AGREED that the minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. No. 5 **ACTION SHEET** The action sheet arising from the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 was submitted, whereupon:-Civil Parking Enforcement A Member requested an update to the end of February 2022 for Nantyglo, and the Chair confirmed that the Officer would provide all Members with an update for their ward. Another Member asked whether the number of CPE Enforcement Officers in the Borough was sufficient. In response the Head of Community Services reported that the fully staffed number of enforcement officers was two. However, one Enforcement Officer had recently left and the recruitment process was underway to fill the vacant post. In terms of whether the number was sufficient, the Officer confirmed that the annual report was brought to Committee and provided Members an opportunity review the service. The last report was submitted in November 2021 and the current arrangements were agreed. Action Sheet – 4th October (Update on Catch 22) A Member said it was reported at the last meeting that Catch 22 was considering a CAT of either Rassau

Resource Centre or Newtown Community Centre. The note attached to the Action Sheet stated that the organisation was considering a CAT for the provision of an SEPD Centre, however, the Member said in a recent press report the Chief Executive of Catch 22 said it was for the purposes of an ALN Centre. The Member sought clarification on the issue. He also expressed concern regarding the proposals and said a public consultation exercise should be undertaken.

The Chair said the relevant Officer was not in attendance. However, she pointed out that the proposed use of the building would come under the remit of the Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee.

The Member pointed out that the CAT had been discussed at the last meeting and information brought back to Committee. However, he agreed that the issue should have been referred to the Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee, and he asked that this be actioned and an updated provided to Members.

#### Active Travel and Safe Routes to Communities (Cableway)

A Member raised concerns regarding the ongoing closure of the cableway due to the Covid restrictions. In response the Head of Community Services confirmed that a risk assessment would be undertaken, however, he pointed out that any decision to reopen the cableway would need to align with the broader Council workplace policy which was still under the remit of essential activities only.

The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing, that the action sheet be noted.

#### No. 6 COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 were submitted.

The Committee AGREED that the minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

#### No. 7 | FLY TIPPING ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY 2021/22

Consideration was given to report of the Team Manager Frontline Enforcement Service.

The Team Manager Frontline Enforcement Service presented the report which provided an update on the Authority's enforcement activities in relation to fly tipping and other waste regulation offences and the level of fly tipping activity within Blaenau Gwent for the year 2021/22.

The Officer went through the report and highlighted points contained therein.

A Member asked whether the booking system in place for the HWRC's was having a detrimental impact on fly tipping.

In response the Service Manager Neighbourhood Services explained that the booking system, introduced in response to the Covid pandemic, was being reviewed and options were being explored. However, he said the report demonstrated that fly tipping had reduced in the last 12 months.

A Member asked whether CCTV could be deployed in problem areas.

The Team Manager Frontline Enforcement Service confirmed that a number of locations were being considered and prioritised, but he would be happy for Members' input.

Another Member expressed concern regarding the low level of fixed penalty notices issued for fly tipping.

The Officer explained that 424 complaints of fly tipping were investigated by Enforcement Wardens, however, the majority of the materials dumped do not contain any evidence for the Enforcement Wardens to pursue. However, moving forward FPN's will be issued on a lower level of evidence so it was anticipated that the figures would increase significantly in the next financial year.

In response to a question raised by a Member, the Officer confirmed that the Council worked closely with the Duke of

Beaufort Estate regarding fly tipping, and also with other Partners and private landowners to get waste removed as soon as possible.

A discussion ensued when Officer clarified points raised by Members.

A Member sought an update on rear lane collections.

The Service Manager Neighbourhood Services confirmed that some rear lane collections have been reinstated but there was still work to be done.

The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and supported the continuing waste regulation work and development of the Frontline Enforcement Service. (Option 1)

#### No. 8 <u>DISABLED ADAPTATIONS – POLICY AMENDMENT</u> PROPOSAL TO REMOVE MEANS-TEST

Consideration was given to the report of the Service Manager Public Protection and the Team Manager Housing Solutions & Compliance.

The Service Manager Public Protection presented the report which sought Members' views relating to a proposed policy amendment that would remove the current means test for grants for disabled adaptations in Blaenau Gwent.

The Officer spoke to the report and highlighted points contained therein.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the means-test for large adaptations.

A Member proposed Option 1 with the following amendment, namely 'that the means-test for large adaptations be retained on a sliding scale'.

The proposal was seconded.

Another Member proposed Option 2, and this was seconded.

Upon a vote being taken

The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and Members support the proposed policy amendment that would remove the current means test for grants for disabled adaptations in Blaenau Gwent from April 1st 2022; and that the means-test for large adaptations be retained on a sliding scale. (Option1)

#### No. 9 CONTRACT EXTENSION – PEST CONTROL TREATMENT SERVICE TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Public Protection.

The Service Manager Public Protection presented the report which provided an update on the pest control treatment service currently provided by Rentokil. The Officer went through the report and highlighted points contained therein.

A Member asked whether local companies had been considered for the contract.

In response the Officer confirmed that the Council's procurement framework was applied. He said a national company also had resilience within the workforce that a smaller local company may not have.

A discussion ensued when the Officer clarified points raised by Member.

A Member proposed Option 2 with the recommendation to the Executive that at the end of the contract (31st March, 2023) a local procurement exercise be undertaken for the service.

The proposal was seconded.

Another Member proposed Option 1 and this was seconded.

Upon a vote being taken

The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and Members note the service performance and continuation of the contract with Rentokil until 31st March 2023 when it would be reviewed and retendered, as necessary, in accordance with Corporate Procurement rules. (Option 1)



# Agenda Item 7

#### **Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

#### **Action Sheet**

#### Community Services Scrutiny Committee - Monday 28th February 2022

Item	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Action Taken
5	Action Sheet – 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021		
	<b>Civil Parking Enforcement:</b> An updated breakdown of PCN's to be provided from 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021 to end of February 2022.	Clive Rogers	Information forwarded to Members via email on 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – also attached for information.
7	Contract Extension – Pest Control Treatment Service to 31st December 2023		
	Members requested further information on the service to be provided in order for them to pass on information to their constituents.	Dave Thompson	Information forwarded to Members via email on 28th February 2022 – also attached for information.
	Members also requested a letter drop about the Pest Control Services to go out to residents across Blaenau Gwent.	Dave Thompson	Information on the Pest Control Service to be included in the Council Tax Bills in April 2022. Update provided to Members via email in March 2022.

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#### **Community Services Scrutiny Committee – 28th February 2022**

#### Action:

**Civil Parking Enforcement:** An updated breakdown of PCN's to be provided from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 to end of February 2022.

#### Officer Response:

Period: 1st Oct 2021 to 28th Feb 2022	No. of PCNs issued		
Town			
Abertillery	68		
Beaufort	0		
Blaina	4		
Brynmawr	32		
Ebbw Vale	50		
Nantyglo	6		
Six Bells	5		
The Works Ebbw Vale	36		
Tredegar	57		
Total	258		

<u>Please note the total number of PCNs issued between 1st October 2021 and 28th February 2022 inclusive, is 258 PCNs.</u>



### **Pest Control**

Blaenau Gwent CBC provides a domestic pest control service in partnership with Rentokil Pest Control.

The service offers free treatments for rat infestations at domestic properties within Blaenau Gwent. (As discussed during the Scrutiny Committee of 28.2.22 – this covers owner occupiers, Housing Association tenants and private tenants).

Rentokil Pest Control also offer other pest control treatments at domestic properties for which there is a charge (payment is by credit or debit card over the phone directly to Rentokil Pest Control). These services are-

- Mice £57.60
- Bedbugs £57.60
- Cockroaches £57.60
- Fleas £57.60
- Black garden ants £57.60
- Cluster fly £57.60
- House crickets, firebrats & silverfish £57.60
- Textile moth £57.60
- Wasps nests £57.60

Residents of Blaenau Gwent who are on the following benefits will receive a 50% concession for the treatment of mice, bedbugs, cockroaches and fleas as long they reside at the domestic premise where the treatment takes place:

- · Universal credit
- Income support
- Council tax reduction
- Working or child tax income credit
- Job seekers allowance (income based)

<sup>\*</sup>All the above prices are inclusive of VAT

(You will be asked to provide proof of benefit receipt during the pest control operative's initial visit before treatment can begin. Please note that no services other than rat treatments will be undertaken without pre-payment.)

The pest control service operates from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm. (Please note the service does not operate on public holidays)

To arrange for a pest control visit from Rentokil please contact them directly on-

• Telephone- 01454 771515

Rentokil also offers pest control services to commercial and industrial premises. For prices on these treatments please contact Rentokil Pest Control directly.

For information about pests visit the **British Pest Control Association website**.

#### 28.2.2022 - Members requested further information

**Out of hours** – From the above information, Members will note that the service does not run out of hours. Enquirers are advised to seek alternative (Private Pest Controls Company) if urgent assistance is needed out of hours via the following link <a href="British">British</a> Pest Control Association website.

**Response Times:** Rentokil's target response times (in accordance with the contract) are as follows:

Service	Maximum Response Time – 1st visit
Rodent trapped within property and visible to	Same Day
occupant (i.e. required to be humanely	
destroyed in situ)	
Rodents within property	Next working day
Rodents within garden	3 working days
Cockroaches, Bedbugs, Fleas	3 working days
Other Pests	3 working days

For each case, further visits will be made at appropriate intervals until the infestation is cleared. At the time of the final visit all residual pesticides; relevant equipment and vermin carcasses will be removed for proper disposal.

**Adjacent properties -** where The Pest Control Officer is satisfied that an infestation originates from or extends to an adjoining property then Environmental Health should be informed without delay with a view to investigations and potential enforcement action.

Where it has been ascertained that an infestation exists or is thought to exist on an adjacent property/premises and the Pest Control Officer has been refused access, then Environmental Health should be informed without delay with a view to investigations and potential enforcement action.

Should the Pest Control Officer identify defects, deposits or other circumstances that would require enforcement or other intervention by Env Health they shall inform the Authority as soon as practicable with the details of the address/location of the premises and the matters that require to enable an investigation and potential enforcement action to eradicate the infestation.

End.



#### Agenda Item 8

Executive Committee and Council only
Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer:
Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer:

Committee: Place Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: **20**<sup>th</sup> **September 2022** 

Report Subject: Timing of Meetings Survey Results

Portfolio Holder: Executive Members Place and Environment & Place

and Regeneration

Report Submitted by: Scrutiny and Democratic Officer

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
		08.09.22						

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present to Members the results of the Timing of Meetings survey for the Place Scrutiny Committee.

#### 2. Scope and Background

- 2.1 As set out under Section 6 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, councils are required to review the times, frequency and length of meetings at least once in every term. The survey should be carried out no later than six months following elections.
- 2.2 When considering the timing of council meetings Members should consider the impact on the diversity of the membership of the council and the impact on the council's ability to make decisions which are informed by and reflect the diversity of people living in the council area. Decision making should be informed by people of all ages and backgrounds as decisions are then likely to be more balanced and have more focus on sustainable and long term solutions in keeping with the principles set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
- 2.3 The Measure states that it is important that councils do not simply continue to hold their meetings at the same time, in the way as they always have done. What may have been tradition or an arrangement which suited the previous cohort of councillors will not necessarily serve the interests of the current one.
- 2.4 Members should have regard to equality and diversity issues when considering the length, times, intervals and locations of meetings which are convenient to its members. Some Members may find attending, sometimes lengthy meetings, in the day is incompatible with their paid employment and certain times of day are challenging for people with caring responsibilities such as young children.

- 2.5 All scrutiny committee meetings will initially be offered on a hybrid basis and members and officers are to inform Democratic Services of their preference.
- 2.6 As part of the cycle of meetings the Place Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to be held on a Tuesday with the timing of the meeting to be agreed as part of this report.

#### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 From the results of the survey the preferred meeting start time for the Place Scrutiny Committee was 9.30am for the Agenda Management Discussion meeting, with the formal meeting commencing at 10.00am.
- 3.2 Therefore, it is recommended that the Committee agree the preferred meeting time of 9.30am Agenda Management Discussion and the formal meeting to commence at 10.00am.
- 4. Evidence of how does this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan

This report is required as set out in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, and supports the principles set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

#### 5. Implications Against Each Option

#### 5.1 Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

#### 5.2 Risk including Mitigating Actions

If a timing of meetings survey is not completed within six months of an election, the Council will not meet its statutory obligations as set out in the Local Governance (Wales) Measure 2011.

#### 5.3 **Legal**

The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 requires the Council to undertake a Timing of meetings survey at least once every term, following an election.

#### 5.4 **Human Resources**

5.4.1 There are no direct implications in relation to staffing.

Staff work flexible working hours, therefore, any changes to timing of meetings would not impact on staff.

#### 6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 A Timing of Meeting survey was undertaken with all Elected Members during June 2022. **2** (22%) out of 9 members of the Place Scrutiny Committee responded to the survey and the results are shown below:

	9.30/ 10.00			After 5.00	Alternate	Rotate	Don't mind
1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note: some responses highlighted more than one preferred time.

The preferred meeting start time was 9.30 for the Agenda Management Discussion meeting with the formal meeting commencing at 10.00am.

#### 6.2 Expected outcome for the public

By giving consideration to holding meeting at different times of the day would support equality and diversity issues, providing the opportunity for any members of the public to attend a democratic meeting which would take into consideration personal circumstances, i.e. working hours, childcare issues, similar to that of Elected Members.

#### 6.3 Involvement (consultation, engagement, participation)

The intention of this survey is to consult with all Elected Members to seek their views.

#### 6.4 Thinking for the Long term (forward planning)

Having more flexible meeting times, may encourage more participation from young people and those who are working or have caring responsibilities.

#### 6.5 **Preventative focus**

Being more flexible with the timing of meetings should prevent disengagement from Elected Members who may find attending some meetings at certain times of the day more difficult owing to caring or working responsibilities.

#### 6.6 Collaboration / partnership working

All Elected Members have been consulted on the timing of meetings survey.

#### 6.7 Integration (across service areas)

All Council services are involved with the democratic functions of the Council. Flexible meetings times may also support officers in their work / life balance.

#### 6.8 **Decarbonisation and Reducing Carbon Emissions**

All democratic meetings are offered on a 'hybrid' basis to both officers and Members and will, therefore, reduce the need to travel to meetings.

6.9 **Integrated Impact Assessment** (the screening template should be completed for any decisions to identify if a full integrated impact assessment (IIA) is needed. A full IIA will need to be completed if the decision is part of the socio-economic duty to consider how the decision might help to reduce the inequalities of outcome associated with socio-economic disadvantage).

#### 7. Monitoring Arrangements

The timing of meetings is considered annually at individual democratic committee meetings and monitored by the Head of Democratic Services.

#### **Background Documents / Electronic Links**

Appendix 1

#### **Integrated Impact Screening Template**

The purpose of undertaking an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) is to consider the impact of proposed strategies, policies, or service reviews and developments against the full range of our statutory obligations:

- Equality Act (2010)
- Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)
- Welsh Language Act

IIAs are an important tool that can be used to improve equality and diversity; sustainable development and the use of the Welsh language by ensuring impacts are considered collectively and not in isolation.

IIAs need to be completed as early as possible during any policy development or service review process. The IIA screening template has been designed to help you consider whether a policy, for example, has a positive or negative impact on specific groups of people. It also aims to help assess whether there are any negative impacts and whether their significance is low or high. If negative impacts with a high significance are identified, then a full Integrated Impact Assessment is required to identify how these impacts can be minimised by introducing any mitigating measures or options.

The IIA Screening Template consists of 2 parts:

- Part I: Screening exercise to identify positive or negative impacts
- Part II: Integrated Impact Assessment required Guidance note

Finally, the outcome of your IIA Screening Exercise needs to be briefly noted in Section 6.9b of the Corporate Report template and attached as an appendix to your report. Similarly, if a full IIA is undertaken then the key findings need to be summarised in section 6.9b of the Corporate Report template, along with the outcome of the assessment, and the full IIA needs to be attached as an appendix to your report.

#### PART 1: SCREENING EXERCISE TO IDENTIFY POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE IMPACTS

**Description of Assessment** (Briefly provide details of the policy development or service review being assessed and the option being presented)

Corporate Overview and Performance Scrutiny Committee

People Scrutiny Committee

Place Scrutiny Committee

Partnership Scrutiny Committee

Timing of Meetings Survey for all the above Scrutiny Committee meetings

**Responsible Directorate** (*Please specify*)

**Corporate Services** 

**Responsible Officer** (Please specify)

**Elizabeth Thomas** 

**Assessment Date** (Please specify)

24<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Staff Involved in Assessment** (Please specify)

Does this 'Option' have a positive or a negative impact on any of the following protected characteristics?				Please describe what the impact will be?	What is the significance of the impact?	Negative impacts identified  If 'low' please explain the reason for this significance rating.
Please complete as applicable					For example, a 'high' negative impact would have a significant disproportionate impact on a specific group	If 'high' please state 'Integrated Impact Assessment' required and refer to Part II
Race (people from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities and different racial backgrounds)	Positive X	Negative	-	Positive All persons can participate in democratic meetings.  Negative	□High □Low □High □Low	
Disability (people with disabilities/ long term conditions)	Positive X	Negative	<b>→</b>	Positive As above Negative	□High □Low □High □Low	
Sex (women and men, girls and boys and those who self-identify their gender)	Positive X	Negative	<b>→</b>	Positive As above Negative	□High □Low □High □Low	

impact on any of the for characteristics?	Does this 'Option' have a <u>positive or a negative</u> <u>impact</u> on any of the following protected characteristics?			Please describe what the impact will be?	What is the significance of the impact?	Negative impacts identified  If 'low' please explain the reason for this significance rating.	
Please complete as applicable					For example, a 'high' negative impact would have a significant disproportionate impact on a specific group	If 'high' please state 'Integrated Impact Assessment' required and refer to Part II	
Age (people of all ages)	Positive	Negative X	-	Positive  Negative The proposed time of scrutiny committee meetings could impact on a young person being able to take part in the meetings.	□High □Low □High X Low	Reasonable adjustment: The report gives options to ensure young people can attend meetings alongside their educational needs, in discussion with the Participation Team.	
Sexual Orientation (lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual, other)	Positive X	Negative □	<b>→</b>	Positive All persons can participate in democratic meetings.  Negative	□High □Low □High □Low		

Religion and Belief (people with different religions and beliefs including people with	Positive X	Negative □	<b>-</b>	Positive As above Negative	□High □Low □High	
no beliefs)					□Low	

impact on any of the fo characteristics?	a positive or a negative llowing protected te as applicable	Please describe what the impact will be?	What is the significance of the impact?  For example, a 'high' negative impact would have a significant disproportionate impact on a specific group	Negative impacts identified  If 'low' please explain the reason for this significance rating.  If 'high' please state 'Integrated Impact Assessment' required and refer to Part II
Gender (anybody who's gender identity or gender expression is different to the sex they were assigned at birth)	Positive Negative	All persons can participate in democratic meetings.  Negative	□High □Low □High □Low	
Marriage and Civil Partnership (people who are married or in a civil partnership)	Positive Negative X	All persons can participate in democratic meetings.  Negative	□High □Low □High □Low	
Pregnancy and Maternity (women who are pregnant and/or on maternity leave)	Positive Negative X	Democratic meetings can be attended in person on via MS Teams. Meetings are also recorded and uploaded to the	□High □Low □High □Low	

	BGCBC website to view following the meeting.		
	<u>Negative</u>		

#### Welsh Language

The Welsh Language Act 1993 places a legal duty on public authorities to promote the use of the Welsh Language and to treat the Welsh and English languages equally. It offers the public the right to choose which language to use in their dealings with the Council. It recognises that Members of the public can express their views and needs better in their preferred language. It recognises that enabling the public to use their preferred language is a matter of good practice, not a concession. It sets out how the Council will implement that principle in the provision of bilingual services to the public in Wales, taking account of the developing linguistic nature of the County Borough.

Does this 'Option' have impact?	a positive or a negative	impact will be?		What is the significance of	Negative impacts identified
Please comple	te as applicable			the impact?  For example, a 'high' negative impact would have a significant disproportionate	If 'low' please explain the reason for this significance rating.  If 'high' please state 'Integrated Impact Assessment' required and refer to Part II
				impact on a specific group	
Welsh Language The Welsh Language Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards require the	Positive Negative X	<b>-</b>	Positive Simultaneous translation is available on request 3 days prior for all democratic meetings.	□High □Low	

Council to have 'due				
regard' for any			□High	
positive or negative			□Low	
impacts that proposal				
may have on		<u>Negative</u>		
opportunities to use				
the Welsh language.				

#### Socio-economic Duty (Strategic Decisions Only)

The <u>Socio-economic Duty</u> provides a framework in order to ensure tackling inequality is at the forefront of decision making. The duty requires the Council, when making strategic decisions, to consider how decisions can help reduce inequality of outcomes.

The duty defines **socio-economic disadvantage** as "living in less favourable social and economic circumstances than others living in the same society".

The duty generally defines **strategic decisions** as "decisions which effect how the Council fulfils its intended statutory purpose over a significant period of time and not routine day-to-day decisions". Examples of strategic decisions includes those which are statutory; happen over a significant time; not routine; have strategic intent; strategies or the setting of strategic objectives; service delivery and improvement plans;

medium to long-term plans etc. *Please consider these additional vulnerable group and the impact your proposal may or may not have on them:* 

- > Single parents and vulnerable families
- ➤ People with low literacy/numeracy
- > Pensioners
- > Looked after children
- > Homeless people
- > Carers
- > Armed Forces Community
- > Students
- > Single adult households
- > People misusing substances
- > People who have experienced the asylum system
- > People of all ages leaving a care setting
- ➤ People living in the most deprived areas in Wales (WIMD)
- > People involved in the criminal justice system

Does this 'Option' have a <u>positive or a negative</u> impact on any of the following themes?	Please describe what the impact will be?	What is the significance of the	Negative impacts identified
Please complete as applicable	•	impact?	If 'low' please explain the reason for this significance
Trease comprete as appreadic		For example, a 'high' negative impact would	rating.
		have a significant	If 'high' please state
		disproportionate impact on a specific	'Integrated Impact Assessment' required and refer
		group	to Part II

SED-Education The capability to be knowledgeable	Positive Negative	Positive	□High □Low	
Ü		<u>Negative</u>	□High □Low	
Does this 'Option' have	a positive or a negative	Please describe what the	What is the	Negative impacts identified
impact on any of the fo	llowing themes?	impact will be?	significance of the	
			impact?	If 'low' please explain the
Please complete as appl	licable			reason for this significance
			For example, a 'high'	rating.
			negative impact would	
			have a significant	If 'high' please state
			disproportionate	'Integrated Impact
			impact on a specific	Assessment' required and refer
			group	to Part II
SED-Work		<u>Positive</u>	□High	
The capability to work in	Positive Negative	<b></b>	□Low	
just and favourable conditions				
conditions		<u>Negative</u>	□High	
			Low	
SED-Living Standards		<u>Positive</u>	□High	
The capability to enjoy a comfortable standard of	Positive Negative		□Low	
living				
livilig		<u>Negative</u>	□High	
			Low	
SED-Health		<u>Positive</u>	□High	
The capability to be	Positive Negative		□Low	
healthy, physically, and mentally				
ilicilially		<u>Negative</u>	□High	
			□Low	

SED-Justice & Security				<u>Positive</u>	□High	
The capability to avoid	Dooitivo	Negotivo	<b>→</b>		□Low	
premature mortality	Positive	Negative				
				<u>Negative</u>	□High	
					□Low	
Does this 'Option' have a positive or a negative				Please describe what the	What is the	Negative impacts identified
impact on any of the fo	llowing the	emes?		impact will be?	significance of the	
					impact?	If 'low' please explain the
Please complete as appl	licable					reason for this significance
					For example, a 'high'	rating.
					negative impact would	
					have a significant	If 'high' please state
					disproportionate	'Integrated Impact
					impact on a specific	Assessment' required and refer
					group	to Part II
SED-Participation				<u>Positive</u>	□High	
The capability to			<b>→</b>		□Low	
participate in decision	Positive	Negative				
making and in				<u>Negative</u>	□High	
communities, accessing services					□Low	

#### Children's Rights Approach - The Right Way

The Children's Rights Approach – The Right Way is a framework for working with children, grounded in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). It places the UNCRC at the core of planning and service delivery and integrates children's rights into every aspect of decision-making, policy and practice. The Right Way focuses on three main them Participation, Provision and Protection.

Does this 'Option' have	a positive or	a negative		Please describe what the	What is the	Negative impacts identified
impact on children & people's participation,				impact will be?	significance of the	
provision or protection.					impact?	If 'low' please explain the
						reason for this significance
Please compl	ete as applic	able			For example, a 'high'	rating.
					negative impact would	
					have a significant	If 'high' please state
					disproportionate	'Integrated Impact
					impact on a specific	Assessment' required and refer
					group	to Part II
Participation				<u>Positive</u>	□High	
(child or young person as	Positive Negative			□Low		
someone who actively						
contributes to society as a	_	—		<u>Negative</u>	□High	
citizen)					□Low	
Provision				<u>Positive</u>	□High	
(the basic rights of	Positive	Negative	<b>→</b>		□Low	
children and young						
people to survive and	_	_		<u>Negative</u>	□High	
develop)					□Low	
Protection				<u>Positive</u>	□High	
(children and young	Positive	Negative	<b>→</b>		□Low	
people are protected						
against exploitation,				<u>Negative</u>	□High	
abuse or discrimination					□Low	

#### PART2: INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED – GUIDANCE NOTE

Where any negative impacts of 'high' significance have been identified as part of the screening exercise then an IIA needs to be undertaken. The IIA consists of 7 sections and a series of questions to help further understand the impacts in more depth through a thorough examination of evidence and available research which will help you to identify how any detrimental impacts can be mitigated:

Section 1 – Protected Characteristics

Section 2 – Welsh Language

Section 3 – Socio-economic Duty (Strategic Decisions Only)

Section 4 - Children's Rights Approach - The Right Way

Section 5 - Data

Section 6 – Consultation

Section 7 - Decision

You are only required to complete Section 1, 2, 3 or 4, if relevant, and it is appropriate to do so.

You must complete sections 5,6 & 7 as they are mandatory.

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### Agenda Item 9

Executive Committee and Council only
Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer: N/A
Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer: N/A

Committee: Place Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Report Subject: Proposed Scrutiny Committee Forward Work

**Programme 2022-23** 

Portfolio Holder: Executive Members Place and Regeneration & Place

and Environment

Report Submitted by: **Democratic and Scrutiny Officer** 

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
July 2022	25.08.22	08.09.22			20.09.22	Executive	Council	
						FWP –	FWP -	
ı						14.09.21	29.9.21	

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the Place Scrutiny Work Programme for 2022-23 (Appendix 1) and to seek approval from Committee.

#### 2. Scope and Background

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Work Programmes are key aspects of the Council's planning and governance arrangements and support the requirements of the Constitution.
- 2.2 The topics set out in the Forward Work Programme link to the strategic work of the Council as identified by the Council's Corporate Plan, agreed by the Council in July 2020, corporate documents and supporting business plans.
- 2.3 The Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programmes are also aligned to the Governance and Audit Committee, Executive Committee and Council Forward Work Programmes.
- 2.4 The Work Programme is a fluid document and there is flexibility to allow for regular review between the Chair and the Committee.
- 2.5 The Work Programmes have been discussed with Chairs and Vice-Chairs of individual committees, prior to presentation to the respective scrutiny committees for consideration and approval.

#### 3. Options for Recommendation

3.1 The work programmes have been endorsed by the relevant departments of the Council.

#### 3.2

Option 1
To agree the Forward Work Programme for the Place Scrutiny Committee.

Option 2
To suggest any amendments prior to agreeing the Forward Work Programme.

# Places Scrutiny Committee DRAFT Forward Work Programme

Dates	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Executive / Council
Date: Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Proposed Forward Work Programme 2022/23	Approval To agree the Forward Work Programme for 2022/23, recognising the fluidity of the document.	Chair	N/A
	Highways Capital Works Programme	Pre-Decision To undertake a review of the activity undertaken in the previous year 2021/22 and to consider the options for work for 2022/23.	Clive Rogers	Executive – 26.10.22
	Public Space Protection Order	Pre-Decision  Members to consider the Review and consultation outcomes.	Dave Thompson	Council – 26.10.22

Dates	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Executive / Council
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Tredegar Place Making Plan	Pre-Decision Endorse the proposals for placemaking in Tredegar	Amy Taylor	Executive – 07.12.22
	Public Protection and Environment Enforcement Policy Review	Pre-Decision  Members to consider the consultation and outcomes.	Dave Thompson	Executive – 07.12.22
	Replacement Local Development Plan	Pre-Decision To consider progress on the Replacement Local Development Plan and next steps.	Steve Smith	Council – 24.11.22

Dates	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Executive / Council
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Waste and Recycling Strategy 2022/23 review	Performance Monitoring Members to monitor the performance.	Matthew Stent	Executive – 18.01.23
	Community Services and Regeneration Directorate Performance report	Performance Monitoring Members to monitor the performance of the Directorate.	Clive Rogers Ellie Fry Dave Thompson (with Governance support)	Executive – 18.01.23

Dates	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Executive / Council
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	Brynmawr Placemaking Plan	Pre-Decision To endorse the proposals for placemaking in Brynmawr.	Amy Taylor	Executive – 01.03.23

Dates	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Executive / Council
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Highways Maintenance Plan	Pre-Decision To consider the Highways Maintenance Plan.	Clive Rogers	Executive - 19.04.23
	Abertillery Placemaking Plan	Pre-Decision To endorse the proposals for placemaking in Abertillery.	Amy Taylor	Executive – 19.04.23

Dates	Scrutiny Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Executive / Council
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Community Services and Regeneration Directorate Performance report	Performance Monitoring Members to monitor the performance of the Directorate.	Clive Rogers Ellie Fry Dave Thompson	Executive – 2023/24 FWP
	Blaina Placemaking Plan	Pre-Decision To endorse the proposals for placemaking in Blaina.	Amy Taylor	Executive – 2023/24 FWP

Date	Topic	Purpose	Lead	Executive / Council
Dates for Items to be confirmed	Decarbonisation Plan	Performance Monitoring To enable Members to monitor performance of the Decarbonisation Plan.	Andrew Parker	
	CCTV Collaboration with Caerphilly	Pre-Decision	Sarah King	
	Flecsi Bus / Transport Strategy		Ellie Fry	

Member Briefing Date	Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer
Quarterly	Directorate Briefings	A closely focused directorate update session to provide information and detail on service areas in order to raise the interest and enthusiasm of members. This also provides a legitimate avenue to raise local issues outside of the scrutiny process.  • Street Cleansing	All
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 10.00am – 11.30am	Decarbonisation / Climate Change	To inform Elected Members about climate change and its consequences, with a focus on the role of the Council with decarbonisation.	Head of Democratic Services, Governance and Partnerships  Service Manager Policy, Partnerships and Engagement
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 10.00am – 11.30am	Community Safety for Elected Members	<ul> <li>The session will cover:</li> <li>the scope of community safety as well as the legal duties and the partnership working that is required to deliver;</li> <li>the importance of community safety and why it is important for community cohesion, mental health, as well as the prevention of crime and criminal activities;</li> <li>the specific local structures in place for Blaenau Gwent and how they interact with those at a regional and national level will also be covered by the Community Safety Team.</li> </ul>	External Provider – Wales Safer Communities Network  Service Manager, Policy, Partnerships and Engagement  Professional Lead for Community Safety

Member Briefing	y Sessions		
Date	Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer
Mid-September	Passive House and impact of phosphates	Session aims to expand members knowledge and assist in decision making.	Julie McKim
September	Local Development Plan		Steve Smith
	Regional Wood Facility		Clive Rogers
Late February	Highways Maintenance Plan		Clive Rogers
October	UK Prosperity Fund		Ellie Fry
	Destination Management To update on the priorities and activities being and what outcomes have been achieved.		Moe Forouzan
	Update on Flood Risk Management Plan	To update on progress on the Flood Management Plan.	Kevin Kinsey Wayne Jervis
	Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience Forward Plan (2019- 2022)	To update on the implementation of the Environment Act and the Council's Biodiversity duties throughout 2021/22.	Clive Rogers
	Energy Prospectus Annual Review	To provide members with information on the progress made.	Amy Taylor
	Civil Parking Enforcement	To update Members.	Clive Rogers
	Aspire Shared Apprenticeship Programme	To update on the current performance of the Aspire programme and associated external business engagement.	Tara Lane
	Industrial Property Portfolio	Site visit to be arranged, and member briefing session to update Members.	Moe Forouzan/Matthew Thomas

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### Agenda Item 10

Executive Committee and Council only
Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer:
Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer:

Committee: Place Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Report Subject: Review of Highway Capital Works Programme 2017 – 2022

Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Helen Cunningham, Deputy Leader / Executive Member

**Place and Environment** 

Report Submitted by: Head of Community Services, Clive Rogers

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
23/08/22	25/08/22	08.09.22			22/09/22			

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide scrutiny members with an update on the previous Highway Capital Works programme 2017 – 2022 and present options around a potential future 2022/23 works programme, subject to the availability of Funding.

#### 2. Scope and Background

#### **Highways Capital Works Programme 2017 – 2022**

- 2.1 Building on the success of a previous Highways Capital Works Programme, which improved the nature and condition of the classified network, a programme targeting unclassified/ residential roads was approved by the Authority in 2017.
- 2.2 A capital sum of £2.115million was generated from a 20 year prudential borrow based on revenue contributions of £130k per year.
- 2.3 This Capital Sum has been augmented by Welsh Government Highways Refurbishment grant funding over the period 2017 to 2022 as detailed below:

Funding	Amount	
Prudential Borrowing	£2,115,000	
WG Grant 2017-2018	£553,000	
WG Grant 2018-2019	£380,065	
WG Grant 2019-2020	£409,776	
WG Grant 2020-2021	£383,000	
WG Grant 2021-2022	£602,000	
BG Capital Programme Contingency 2021-2022	£310,000	
WG Refurbishment Grant 22/23	Nil	
Total	£4,752,841	

Additionally, Council made available £317,000 from General Reserves in 2021/22 to undertake some additional patching works across all 16 wards within Blaenau Gwent, targeting around 400 sq. metres of highways repairs per ward covering residential roads.

#### **Network**

- 2.4 The current gross replacement value of the Highway Network is estimated at £1.093 billion and is the Authority's most valuable material asset.
- 2.5 Un-classified roads make up 74% of the total Highway network [198 miles] and forms the majority of the local road network residential roads & rear lanes. The majority of reactive maintenance and insurance claims relate to the unclassified network.
- 2.6 Public perception of highways normally relates to the condition of local residential roads [un-classified roads]. Reactive repairs to pot holes and rutted surfacing are costly and the less effective way of maintaining the highway.
  - Planned maintenance works as against reactive maintenance are the more cost effective way of maintaining the highway network.
- 2.7 The overall % of poor conditioned Un-classified roads pre-commencement of works was 17%. As a result of the previous four years this figure has been subsequently reduced to 11.4%.
- 2.8 To date 103 Residential highways have been resurfaced along with priority works to the A & B Classified Network.

A schedule of Works completed to date can be found in **Appendix A:** 

2018/19 Phase 1 Programme of Works

2019/20 Phase 2 Programme of Works

2020/21 Phase 3 Programme of Works

2021/22 Phase 4 Programme of Works

#### Highway Capital Works Programme 2022-23 - Priorities & Options

- 2.9 It is appropriate that any capital expenditure made available for highway related improvement works will be expended in line with Authority's Highways Asset Management Plan [HAMP].
- 2.10 In accordance with the HAMP, with its identified priorities & risks to the Blaenau Gwent Highways Network, it is proposed that should funding be made available, any new 2022/23 programme will continue to pay due attention to high priority works to the Network whilst retaining a focus around improving the residential/ unclassified network.
- 2.11 Following on from the previous works programme it is proposed that a priority ranking of residential streets is determined, utilising the assessment matrix criteria that was developed in line with the specific features associated with residential highways as follows:

See **Appendix B**: Highway Assessment Matrix – Residential Roads

See **Appendix C**: Highway Assessment Matrix – Residential Roads: Worked Example

#### 3. Options for recommendation

**3.1** Option 1: No New Highways Capital Works Programme be undertaken in 2022/23 (preferred option)

This is recommended since there is no capital funding currently available or any indication that Wales Government will provide specific capital grants in future.

In the event that funding does become available the following options are proposed: -

#### Option 2a: Highest Priority Classified Roads (ranked in order of priority)

#### **Estimated Total Cost £500,000**

1.	A467 Warm Turn Carriageway Resurfacing	£75k
2.	Tafarnaubach Ind Est (Top Road) Resurfacing	£175k
3.	Blaenant Ind Est Roundabout Resurfacing	£75k
4.	Big Arch / Steelworks Road / GO Resurfacing	£50k
5.	A4046 - Waun-Y-Pound Road, Ebbw Vale	£25k
6.	College Road, Ebbw Vale	£100k

### Option 2b As Option 2a plus 5 worst Residential Roads & Other Highway Related Works – Estimated Total Cost £1,000,000

Residential Roads:	5no priority residential roads	£350k
Other Highway Related	<u> 1 Works:</u> -	
<ul> <li>Crash Barriers</li> </ul>		£50k
<ul> <li>Road Markings,</li> </ul>	signs and bollards	£35k
<ul> <li>Speed Humps</li> </ul>		£50k

Options 2a & 2b may vary subject to the level of available funding that may be made available.

£15k

## 4. Evidence of how does this topic support the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan

4.1 The report has been developed to provide an update on progress of the current Highway Capital Works programme 2017/22 and supports the key priorities identified in the Corporate Plan namely – "reinvestment in highways and improvements to the residential network".

#### 5. Implications Against Each Option

Traffic Order Reviews

#### 5.1 Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)

**Option 1-** With no capital budget currently available no 2022/23 Highways Capital Programme of Works is proposed.

**Option 2a** is subject to the potential availability of Capital funding being provided at a later date (£500,000)

**Option 2b** is subject to the potential availability of Capital funding being provided at a later date (£1,000,000)

#### 5.2 Risk including Mitigating Actions

There are risks associated with not maintaining the highway infrastructure in terms of highway safety and increased insurance claims, increased reactive maintenance and public perception.

#### 5.3 Legal

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

#### 5.4 Human Resources

There are no staffing implications associated with this report.

#### 6. Supporting Evidence

#### 6.1 Performance Information and Data:

The overall % of poor conditioned Un-classified roads pre-commencement of works was 17%. As a result of the previous years investment this figure has been reduced to 11.4%.

#### 6.2 Expected Outcome for the Public

Improved quality of residential and classified highways. Improved safety to highway network.

#### 6.3 Involvement (Consultation, Engagement, Participation)

Where relevant, consultation, engagement and involvement with the public, members and interested parties have been carried out as part of the delivery requirements of the programme.

#### 6.4 Thinking for the long term (forward planning)

Investment in the residential highway network in Blaenau Gwent is identified to ensure sustainability for the future, bringing our roads up to a good standard and improving our highway infrastructure to meet the service requirements of the future.-

#### 6.5 Preventative Focus

By investing now will prevent problems getting worse with our infrastructure, thus making prudent decisions to invest now rather than later when the costs are likely to be higher through further deterioration and inflation.

#### 6.6 Collaboration / partnership working

N/A.

#### 6.7 Integration (across service areas)

#### 6.8 Decarbonisation and reducing Carbon Emissions

N/A.

#### 6.9 Integrated Impact Assessment

N/A

#### 7. Monitoring Arrangements

7.1 These works are bi-annually reported to Corporate Overview Scrutiny (Contracts over £500k) and Annual Progress report to The Chair and Members of Place Scrutiny.

#### **Background Documents / Electronic Link**

**Appendix A**: 2018 – 2022 Phases 1 - 4 Completed Programmes of Works

**Appendix B**: Highway Assessment Matrix – Residential Roads

**Appendix C**: Highway Assessment Matrix – Residential Roads: Worked Example

#### Appendix A

#### 2018/19 Phase 1 Programme of Works

Total Cost: £1,861,800

#### **Summary:**

#### Work Package 1:

- 4 Residential Highways,
- 2 Class A roundabouts
- Total Resurfaced Highway Area/length: 24,125m2 / 2.5 miles

#### Work Package 2:

- 20 Residential Highways:
- Total Resurfaced Highway Area/length: 49,830m2 / 5.2 miles

#### Work Package 3:

- 28 Residential Highways:
- Total Resurfaced Highway Area/length: 33,196m2 / 3.5 miles

#### Other Highway related Works:

- Replaced 7 no. Vehicle containment systems (crash barriers).
- 4no. new bus shelters.
- Civil Parking Enforcement Traffic Order Survey Works

#### 2019/ 20 Phase 2 Programme of Works

Total Cost: £1,254,041

#### **Summary:**

#### Work Package 4:

- 6 Residential Highways
- Total resurfaced Highway Area: 12,918m2 / 1.5 miles

#### **Other Related Works:**

- Tredegar By-Pass surface dressing
- Six Bells Highway Improvement Traffic Signal Scheme
- Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)
- Industrial Estates Street Lighting Upgrade
- Development of HAMP, Highway Maintenance Plan & Winter Maintenance Plans [ WG/WLGA/CSS[W] collaboration]

#### 2020/21 Phase 3 Programme of Works

Total Cost: £725,000

#### **Summary:**

#### Work Package 5

- 24 residential highways (40,937m2 / 5.1 miles)
- Tafarnaubach Ind Est (7000m2 / 0.6 miles)
- Llangynidr Road (3650m2 / 0.3 miles)
- Total resurfaced highway area: 51,587 / 6.0 miles)

#### **Other Related Works:**

- Crash Barriers
- Illuminated Traffic Signs
- Traffic Management Features

#### 2021/22 Phase 4 Programme of Works

Total Cost: £912,000.00

#### Summary

Work Package 6

Variable Speed Residential Roads:16 schemes – 1 per Ward

- Southend and Walter Street, Georgetown
- Mount Pleasant Road, Ebbw Vale North
- Institution Terrace, Ebbw Vale South
- Maes-y-Cynw Terrace, Llanhilleth
- Jubilee Road and Graig Road, Six Bells
- Powell Street and High Street (section), Abertillery
- Glanystruth, Blaina
- South and Hereford Street, Beaufort
- Aneurin Crescent, Brynmawr
- King Street, Cwm
- Railway Terrace, Sirhowy
- Stable Lane & Parkville, Tredegar C&W
- School Road, Rassau
- Waunheulog, Nantyglo
- Victoria Street, Cwmtillery
- Rhyd Y Blew Roundabout, Badminton
- Walters Street, Georgetown
- Greenwood Avenue, Tredegar C&W

#### Other Related Works `

- Blaenant Ind Est Resurfacing
- Refurbishment of Big Arch, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale
- Emlyn Avenue & Badminton Grove Speed Humps (EV)
- Safety Signage

### **Appendix B: Highway Assessment Matrix – Residential Roads**

	<u> </u>	
1A Highway Condition (50%) - FRONT / MAIN LANES		
Category / Score	Square Area / Score	<u>Total Score / %</u>
4 (5)	Plus 2000 (5)	10 (50%)
4 (5)	1000 - 2000 (4)	9 (45%)
4 (5)	1000 - 500 (3)	8 (40%)
4 (5)	less than 500 (2)	7 (35%)
3 (4)	Plus 2000 (5)	9 (45%)
3 (4)	1000 - 2000 (4)	8 (40%)
3 (4)	1000 - 500 (3)	7 (35%)
3 (4)	less than 500 (2)	6 (30%)

1B Highway Co	1B Highway Condition (50%) - REAR LANES x 0.5 = (25%)		
4 (5)	Plus 2000 (5)	10 (25%)	
4 (5)	1000 - 2000 (4)	9 (22.5%)	
4 (5)	1000 - 500 (3)	8 (20%)	
4 (5)	less than 500 (2)	7 (17.5%)	
3 (4)	Plus 2000 (5)	9 (22.5%)	
3 (4)	1000 - 2000 (4)	8 (20%)	
3 (4)	1000 - 500 (3)	7 (17.5%)	
3 (4)	less than 500 (2)	6 (15%)	

Example: Location A Street		
1A - very poor condition	45%	
2 - High Maintenance cost	24%	
3 - 3 insurance claims in last 10 years	3%	
4 - serves 50 - 99 properties	10%	
ΤΟΤΔΙ	82%	

2 Maintenance Costs (30%)	
Costs over 5 years	Score / %
Plus £10,000	10 (30%)
£9,999 - £5,000	8 (24%)
£4,999 - £3,000	5 (15%)
£2,999 - £1,000	3 (9%)
Less than £1,000	1 (3%)
£0.00	0 (0%)

3 <u>Insurance Claims (10%)</u>		
No. in last 10 years	Score / %	
plus 5	10 (10%)	
4	8 (8%)	
3	5 (5%)	
2	3 (3%)	
1	1 (1%)	
0	0 (0%)	

4 Property Location (10%)		
No. of Houses	Score / %	
*150 +	10 (10%)	
* 100 - 150	8 (8%)	
50 TO 99	5 (5%)	
20 TO 49	3 (3%)	
1 TO 19	1 (1%)	
0 / rear access	0 (0%)	

<sup>\*</sup> Also linked with other highways and can be combined in to one scheme

#### Appendix C: Highway Assessment Matrix – Residential Roads: Worked Example PRUDENTIAL BORROWING SCHEME (1A) HIGHWAY CONDITION (2) MAINTENANCE COSTS (30%) (3) No. INSURANCE CLAIMS (10%) (4) PROPERTY LOCATION (10%) (1B) HIGHWAY CONDITION FRONT LANE (50%) REAR LANE (25%) 5 8 1 0 10 0 3 0 SCORES 10 9 8 6 8 6 10 5 3 8 5 3 1 10 8 5 1 50% 45% 40% 35% 30% 5% 3% 5% 1% 25% 24% 15% 9% 3% 10% 1% 8% PERCENTAGE % 23% 20% 18% 15% 30% TOTAL F % STREET / ROUTE EXAMPLE 30 82% STREET

# Agenda Item 11

Executive Committee and Council only
Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer:
Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer:

Committee: Place Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Report Subject: Renewal Of Public Space Protection Orders for Dog

**Control Offences – Results Of Statutory Consultation** 

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Helen Cunningham- Deputy Leader/Exec Member

**Place and Environment** 

Report Submitted by: **David Thompson – Service Manager, Public Protection** 

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
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30.8.22	1.9.22	08.09.22			20.9.22		26.10.22	

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Committee of the findings of the public consultation on the proposed new Public Space Protection Order for dog control offences and the process for their renewal by November 2022. The report seeks support for the introduction of the new Public Space Protection Order for Dog Controls, prior to consideration at full Council.

## 2. Scope and Background

- 2.1 On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019, Blaenau Gwent CBC introduced a public space protection order (PSPO) for dog control offences. This PSPO replaced the previous dog control orders that were originally introduced in 2012.
- 2.2 The PSPO for dog control offences re-introduced dog exclusion areas, dogs on lead areas and created the offence of failing to remove dog faeces from public areas. PSPO's can remain in force for up to 3 years upon when they must be renewed or removed.
- 2.3 The sites covered by the dog exclusion areas and dog on lead areas include schools, sports pitches and playgrounds with the aim of protecting public health. A full list of all of the sites covered by the PSPO for dog controls can be found on the council website via the web link at the end of this report.
- 2.4 As part of the PSPO renewal process we are required to carry out a public consultation. The public consultation started on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and ended on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and utilised existing website and social media platforms an addition to written communication to all elected members and relevant partner organisations and interest groups (Police, Registered Social Landlords, Town Councils and relevant interest groups).

- 2.5 We received 28 written responses in total from members of the public, the dogs trust and the RSPCA. The general themes of the responses where supportive of the dog fouling aspect of the PSPO whilst also requesting for additional dog fouling bins to be put up at specific locations within the borough and also queries on how the PSPO would be enforced and requests for additional signage at sites. Other general themes included requests for areas for dogs to be able to run off lead and a list of such places are made available to members of the public.
- 2.6 We received specific responses or requests relating to the below sites-
  - PSPO-DC-004- a review of the dog exclusion area at the Llanhilleth recreational ground to allow dogs to be walked around sports pitch. This request was reviewed and an amendment is proposed below.
  - PSPO-DC-058- a review of the dog exclusion area at Brynmawr Welfare Ground. This request was reviewed and an amendment is proposed below.
  - PSPO-DC-061- A review of the dog exclusion area at Brynmawr Foundation School, Intermediate Road, Brynmawr. This request was reviewed and an amendment is proposed below.
  - PSPO-DC-119- A review of the dog exclusion area at the Milefield Playing field, Georgetown, Tredegar. This request came from an elected member specifically about dog walkers being able to use the slopes around the sports pitch to walk their dogs. This playing field is used and maintained by Georgetown Primary School and as such this request was not recommended.
  - A request from a member of the public to designate Beaufort Ponds & Woodland as a dog on lead area. This request was considered however other sites with a similar land use within the borough do not have dog on lead restrictions and so for consistency purposes this request was not recommended.
  - PSPO-DC-012- A review of the dog exclusion area at Six Bells Park, Windsor Road, Six Bells. This request came in from a member of the public to amend the dog exclusion area at the park to allow for a dog to be taken into the bowls club pavilion. A site visit was undertaken to determine the practicality of this request however there was no clear way of practically demarcating the extent of the dog exclusion area so this request was not recommended.
  - PSPO-DC-106 Bryn Bach Park, Tredegar an additional dog exclusion area at the park is proposed that relates to the mini golf play area. We received no objections to this proposal.

- 2.7 Following the public consultation responses, we are proposing to make the following amendments to the previous Order-
  - PSPO-DC-004 & 129- Llanhilleth recreation ground, Llanhilleth. A
    request was received from an elected member on behalf of Llanhilleth
    RFC to allow dogs to be walked around the sports pitch on the
    walkway. As a result, we are proposing to amend the existing dog
    exclusion area and introduce a dogs on lead area on the walkway
    surrounding the sports pitch. The school, playground, sports pitch and
    bowling green will remain as dog exclusion areas.
  - PSPO-DC-058- Brynmawr Welfare Ground, Warwick Road, Brynmawr. Requests were received from multiple members of the public to allow dogs to walk through the park area. As a result, we are proposing to amend the existing dog exclusion area and introduce a dogs on lead area throughout the general walkway areas of the welfare ground. The playgrounds and sports pitches will remain as dog exclusion areas.
  - PSPO-DC-061- Brynmawr Foundation School, Intermediate Road, Brynmawr. A request was received from the school Headteacher to update the dog exclusion area as a result of the changes to the access road in recent years as part of the heads of valley road improvement scheme. As a result, we are proposing to make an amendment to the dog exclusion area to reflect the recent changes at the main school access point.
  - PSPO-DC-106 Bryn Bach Park, Tredegar an additional dog exclusion area at the park is proposed that relates to the mini golf play area.
- 2.8 See Appendix 1 for revised plans relating to the above proposed changes.
- 2.9 The new PSPO for dog controls will be presented to full Council in October.

#### 3. Options for Recommendation

- 3.1 Option 1 (Preferred Option) That the proposed amendments following the statutory consultation, as listed above in paragraph 2.7, are considered and the proposed new PSPO is supported by the Committee prior to consideration to full Council.
- 3.2 Option 2 That the proposed amendments are not supported and the Committee recommends alternative action.
- 4. Evidence of how does this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Wellbeing Plan
- 4.1 This topic supports the achievement of the Blaenau Gwent Well-being plan to encourage and enable people to make healthy lifestyle choices in the places they live, learn, work and play by ensuring dogs are controlled and

that dog faeces are removed it will encourage people to use clean public open spaces.

## 5. Implications Against Each Option

## 5.1 Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)

Consultation costs were met by utilising existing revenue budget levels. Costs were minimised by utilising Council websites and social media.

## 5.2 Risk including Mitigating Actions

Failure to renew the PSPO for dog control offences puts the public at increased health risks associated with exposure to dog faeces that have not been removed by the owner of the dog.

#### 5.3 **Legal**

It is important that the correct procedure is followed to ensure the PSPO for dog controls meets the legal criteria for review and re-introduction.

#### 5.4 Human Resources

All work relating to the renewal of the PSPO for dog control offences will continue to be undertaken by existing Officers within the Environmental Health Section and officers from other sections of Blaenau Gwent CBC that are responsible for individual sites.

#### 6 Supporting Evidence

#### 6.1 Performance Information and Data

This information has recently been reported on.

#### 6.2 Expected outcome for the public

The renewal of the PSPO for dog control order offences will allow Blaenau Gwent CBC to continue to protect members of the public from the health risks posed by people not picking up their dog faeces. It will also give members of the public confidence that they can play at and use clean public open spaces.

## 6.3 Involvement (consultation, engagement, participation)

As part of the PSPO renewal process we have gone out to public consultation on our proposals.

## 6.4 Thinking for the Long term (forward planning)

The PSPO for dog control offences will last for 3 years, so it will need to be renewed or revoked again in November 2025.

#### 6.5 **Preventative focus**

The renewal of the PSPO for dog control offences aims to prevent occurrences of dog fouling at specific sensitive locations such as schools, playgrounds and sports pitches. It also prevents exposure to sensitive receptors such as young children who are more likely to be at these types of locations.

## 6.6 Collaboration / partnership working

This piece of work is carried out by a number of council departments working together such as environmental health, estates, education, grounds maintenance, technical services and also the Aneurin Bevan Leisure Trust to deliver a PSPO for dog controls at a number of sites within Blaenau Gwent. The Order is enforced on the Council's behalf by a local authority support service under the management of the Front Line Enforcement Service (Neighbourhood Services).

## 6.7 Integration (across service areas)

This report does not impact on other service areas.

#### 6.8 **Decarbonisation and Reducing Carbon Emissions**

By providing local clean public spaces which the community can use it will reduce the need for them to travel to other areas and therefore contribute to reducing carbon emissions within Blaenau Gwent.

## 6.9 Socio Economic Duty Impact Assessment

No negative effects for protected characteristics.

## 6.10 **Equality Impact Assessment**

No negative effects for protected characteristics.

#### 7. Monitoring Arrangements

7. This work will continue to be monitored by the environmental health section and routinely reported to scrutiny and executive committee.

#### **Background Documents / Electronic Links**

All of the current locations that are either dog exclusion areas or dog on lead areas are listed (including plans) on the council website and are available using the web link below. Proposed amendments, as a result of the public consultation, are outlined in the Appendices to this report

https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/resident/environmental-health/public-spaces-protection-orders/

Appendices – Full Proposed List & Plans:

Appendix 1 – PSPO DC List 2022

Appendix 2 - PSPO DC 004 & 129

Appendix 3 - PSPO DC 058 & 128

Appendix 4 – PSPO DC 061

Appendix 5 - PSPO DC - 105 & 106.



# Appendix 1 - Public Space Protection Orders-Dog Control Reference List

Reference	Location	Exclusion (E) or Lead only (LO)
PSPO-DC-001	Playground at Swffryd Road, Swffryd,	E
PSPO-DC-002	Swffryd Primary School, Swffryd Road, Swffryd	E
PSPO-DC-003	Playground at Oxford Place, Llanhilleth	E
PSPO-DC-004	St Illtyds Primary school & sports pitch, playground & bowling green at Llanhilleth recreational ground, Llanhilleth	E
PSPO-DC-005	Playground at Troy Road, Llanhilleth	E
PSPO-DC-006	Playground at Mount Pleasant Estate, Brynithel	E
PSPO-DC-007	Brynithel Recreational Ground, Mount Pleasant Estate, Brynithel	Е
PSPO-DC-008	Brynithel Recreational Ground, Mount Pleasant Estate, Brynithel	LO
PSPO-DC-009	Playground at Aberbeeg, Abertillery	E
PSPO-DC-010	Playground at Woodland Terrace, Abertillery	E
PSPO-DC-011	Playground at Warm Turn, Aberbeeg Road, Six Bells, Abertillery	E
PSPO-DC-012	Six Bells Park, Windsor Road, Six Bells, Abertillery	E
PSPO-DC-013	Playing field at Windsor Road, Six Bells, Abertillery	E-
PSPO-DC-014	Cwm Nant- y- groes sports field, Cwm Farm Road, Six Bells, Abertillery	E
PSPO-DC-016	Sports centre, Vivian Street, Abertillery	Е
PSPO-DC-017	Playground at Vivian Street, Abertillery	E
PSPO-DC-019	Gelli Crug Park, rear of Gelli Crug Road, Abertillery	E
PSPO-DC-020	Abertillery Learning Community-Tillery Street, Campus on Tillery Street,	Е

	Abertillery, NP13 1EH.	
PSPO-DC-021	Abertillery Learning	E
	Community, Secondary	
	Campus and Leisure	
	Centre, Alma Street,	
	Abertillery	
PSPO-DC-022	Playground at Blaenau	Е
	Gwent Rows,	
	Roseheyworth, Abertillery	
	(Number 1 top)	
PSPO-DC-023	Playground at Blaenau	E
	Gwent Rows,	
	Roseheyworth, Abertillery	
	(number 2 bottom)	
PSPO-DC-024	Abertillery Park, Cyril Place,	E
	Abertillery	
PSPO-DC-025	Abertillery Learning	E
	Community, Roseheyworth	
	Road Campus, Abertillery.	
PSPO-DC-026	Sports ground,	E
	Roseheyworth Road,	
	Abertillery	
PSPO-DC-027	Woodland Playing Field,	E
	Lower Gwastod Terrace,	
	Cwmtillery, Abertillery.	
PSPO-DC-029	Jim Owen Field,	E
1 6. 6 56 626	Recreational ground,	
	Roberts Row, Abertillery	
	(PLAYING FIELD)	
PSPO-DC-030	Playground at Jim Owen	E
	Field, Recreational ground,	_
	Roberts Row, Abertillery	
	(number 1)	
PSPO-DC-031	Playground (number 2) at	E
	Jim Owen Field,	
	Recreational ground,	
	Roberts Row, Abertillery	
PSPO-DC-032	Playground at Abertillery	E
	Road, Blaina	
PSPO-DC-033	Playground at Maeshafod,	Е
	Blaina	
PSPO-DC-034	Duffryn Park, Blaina	Е
PSPO-DC-035	Playing field at Pilgrims	E
	Park, Blaina	
PSPO-DC-036	Ystruth Primary School,	E
	East Pentwyn, Blaina	
PSPO-DC-037	Wheeled sports area,	E
	Chapel Square, Blaina	
	(area 1)	
PSPO-DC-034 PSPO-DC-035 PSPO-DC-036	Blaina Duffryn Park, Blaina Playing field at Pilgrims Park, Blaina Ystruth Primary School, East Pentwyn, Blaina Wheeled sports area, Chapel Square, Blaina	E E

PSPO-DC-038	Wheeled sports area,	E
1 31 0-00-030	Chapel Square, Blaina	L
	(area 2)	
DCDO DC 020	,	_
PSPO-DC-039	Westside play area, Chapel	E
DODO DO 040	Road, Westside, Blaina	_
PSPO-DC-040	Playground at Brynheulog,	E
	Blaina	
PSPO-DC-041	Playground at Glanystruth,	E
	Blaina	
PSPO-DC-043	Central Park, Surgery	E
	Road, Blaina	
PSPO-DC-045	Coed y Garn Primary	E
	school, Parrot Row, Blaina,	
	NP133AH	
PSPO-DC-046	Ysgol Gymraeg Bro helyg,	Е
	School, Nantyglo	
PSPO-DC-047	Playground at Attlee Road,	E
	Nantyglo	_
PSPO-DC-048	Playground at Garn Cross,	E
1 61 6 56 6 16	Nantyglo	_
PSPO-DC-049	Playground at Vincent	E
1 01 0-00-049	Avenue, Nantyglo	<b>L</b>
PSPO-DC-050		E
PSPO-DC-050	Recreation ground at	<b>C</b>
	Banna Park, New Road,	
D0D0 D0 054	Nantyglo	_
PSPO-DC-051	Playground & Bowling	E
	Green at Banna Park, New	
	Road, Nantyglo	
PSPO-DC-052	Playground (area 1) at	E
	Waunheulog, Nantyglo	
PSPO-DC-053	Playground (area 2) at	E
	Waunheulog, Nantyglo	
PSPO-DC-054	Blaenycwm Primary School,	E
	Blaenafon Road,	
	Brynmawr, NP234BR	
PSPO-DC-055	St Mary's R.C Primary	E
	School, Catholic Road,	
	Brynmawr, NP23 4EF	
PSPO-DC-056	Recreational ground at Old	Е
	Blaenavon Road, Brynmawr	
PSPO-DC-057	Playground off Queen	E
	Street, Brynmawr	
PSPO-DC-058	Sports pitches, play	E
3. 3. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5.	grounds, tennis courts,	_
	skate park and bowling	
	green at Brynmawr Welfare	
	Ground, Warwick Road,	
DSDO DC 050	Brynmawr  Blovground at Brynowol	_
PSPO-DC-059	Playground at Brynawel,	E

	Brynmawr	
PSPO-DC-060	St. Marys Church in Wales Primary School,	Е
	Intermediate Road, Brynmawr.	
PSPO-DC-061	Brynmawr Foundation school, Intermediate road, Brynmawr	E
PSPO-DC-062	Playground at Gurnos Estate, Brynmawr	Е
PSPO-DC-063	Beaufort Hill Primary school, Playground & Recreation Ground and former Pen Y Cwm Special School, Beaufort Hill, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-064	Playground at Gorsedd Close, Garnlydan, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-066	Playground at Queensway, Garnlydan, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-067	Playground and playing field at Primitive Place, Beaufort, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-068	Beaufort Welfare Ground, Reservoir Rd, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-069	Playground & field at Summerfield Road, Rassau, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-070	Playground at the rear of Honey Field Road, Rassau, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-071	Rhos Y Fedwen School , Honeyfield Road, Rassau, EV	Е
PSPO-DC-072	Playground at Waun Fawr, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-073	Recreation ground, Badminton Grove, Ebbw Vale	Е
PSPO-DC-074	Glyncoed Primary School, Badminton Grove, Ebbw Vale, NP235UL	Е
PSPO-DC-075	Recreation Ground, Eugene Cross Park, Ebbw Vale	Е
PSPO-DC-076	Pantyfforest Recreation Ground, New Church Rd, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-077	Play area, Opposite	E

	Canalian vin Fan (Calaaal)	
	Canolfan yr Fan (School), Ebbw Vale	
PSPO-DC-078	The River Centre 3-16 Learning Community, Secondary Campus, Pontygof, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-079	Playground at Brynmawr Road, Newtown, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-081	Recreation Ground at Letchworth Road, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-082	Willowtown Primary School, Brynheulog Street, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-083	Recreation Ground at Pennant Street, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-084	Hilltop Stadium, Recreation Ground, Darby Crescent, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-085	Play area at Darby Crescent, Hilltop, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-086	All saints Roman Catholic Primary school, Heol yr ysgol, Ebbw Vale, NP23 6QP	E
PSPO-DC-087	Coronation Park, High Street, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-088	Playground at Eastville Road, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-089	Playground at York Avenue, Garden City, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-090	Playground at Hillside Terrace, Waunlwydd, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-091	Cwm Primary school, Canning Street, Cwm, EV,	Е
PSPO-DC-093	Recreation ground, Cwm, Ebbw Vale	Е
PSPO-DC-095	Playground at William Street, Cwm, Ebbw Vale	E
PSPO-DC-096	Playground at Upper Trefil, Railway Terrace, Trefil, Tredegar	E
PSPO-DC-097	Playground behind Rhymney Road, Trefil, Tredegar.	E
PSPO-DC-098	playground at Ty newydd, Llwyn Helyg Road,	E

	Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-099	Brynbach Primary school,	E
1 01 0 00 000	Merthyr Road, Tredegar,	_
	np223ay	
PSPO-DC-100		E
P3PO-DC-100	St Joseph's Primary School	<del>-</del>
D0D0 D0 404	Ashvale, Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-101	Playground at Chartist Way,	E
	Sirhowy, Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-102	Clanboury Primary Sahaal	E
P3PO-DC-102	Glanhowy Primary School and The River Centre 3-16	<del>-</del>
	Learning Community,	
	Primary Campus, Thomas	
D0D0 D0 400	Richard Centre, Tredegar	_
PSPO-DC-103	Deighton Primary School,	E
	Stockton Way, Tredegar,	
	NP223EF	_
PSPO-DC-104	Deighton Sports Ground,	E
	Stockton Way, Tredegar,	
	NP22 3EF	
PSPO-DC-105	Bryn Bach Park, Tredegar	LO
PSPO-DC-106	Bryn Bach Park, Tredegar	E
	(Playground area, Mini Golf	
	area, BMX bike track &	
	Scout camp area)	
PSPO-DC-107	Playground Behind Bus	E
	Station, Tredegar Town	
	Centre	
PSPO-DC-108	Playgrounds (3)at St James	E
	Way, Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-109	Playground & grass area at	E
	Brangwyn Road, Cefn	
	Golau, Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-110	Bedwellty Park, Tredegar	LO
PSPO-DC-111	Tennis court, Bowling	Е
	Green and playground at	
	Bedwellty Park, Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-112	Tredegar Recreational	LO
	Grounds, Stable Lane,	
	Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-113	Tredegar recreational	E
	ground, Stable Lane,	
	Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-114	Tredegar Comprehensive	E
	school & Leisure Centre,	-
	Stable Lane, Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-115	Georgetown Primary	E
	School, Oakfield Road,	_
	Tredegar, NP22 4LJ	
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PSPO-DC-116	Playground at Southend,	E
D0D0 D0 115	Georgetown, Tredegar	_
PSPO-DC-117	Playground at Bedwellty	E
	Pits, Tredegar	
PSPO-DC-119	Mile Field Playing Field,	E
	Georgetown, Tredegar.	
PSPO-DC-120	Pen Y Cwm Special School	Е
	and Ebbw Fawr Learning	
	Community Primary Phase,	
	Former Steelworks site,	
	Ebbw Vale.	
PSPO-DC-121	Ebbw Fawr Learning	E
1 01 0-00-121	Community Secondary	-
	Phase, Former Steelworks	
DCDO DC 400	Site, Ebbw Vale	_
PSPO-DC-122	Ebbw Vale Sports Centre,	E
	Former Steelworks Site,	
	Ebbw Vale	
PSPO-DC-124	Playing field at Waunlwyd	E
	Youth & Community Centre,	
	Cwm Road, Waunlwyd,	
	Ebbw Vale.	
PSPO-DC-125	Abertillery Learning	E
	Community, Six Bells Road	
	Campus	
PSPO-DC-127	The River Centre 3-16	E
	Learning Community, Ty	
	Afon, Welfare Ground Ebbw	
	Vale NP23 5AZ	
PSPO-DC-128	Brynmawr Welfare Ground,	LO
. 3. 3 23 123	Warwick Road, Brynmawr	
	Wal wick Itoau, Diyiiilawi	
PSPO-DC-129	Llanhilleth recreational	LO
	ground, Llanhilleth	
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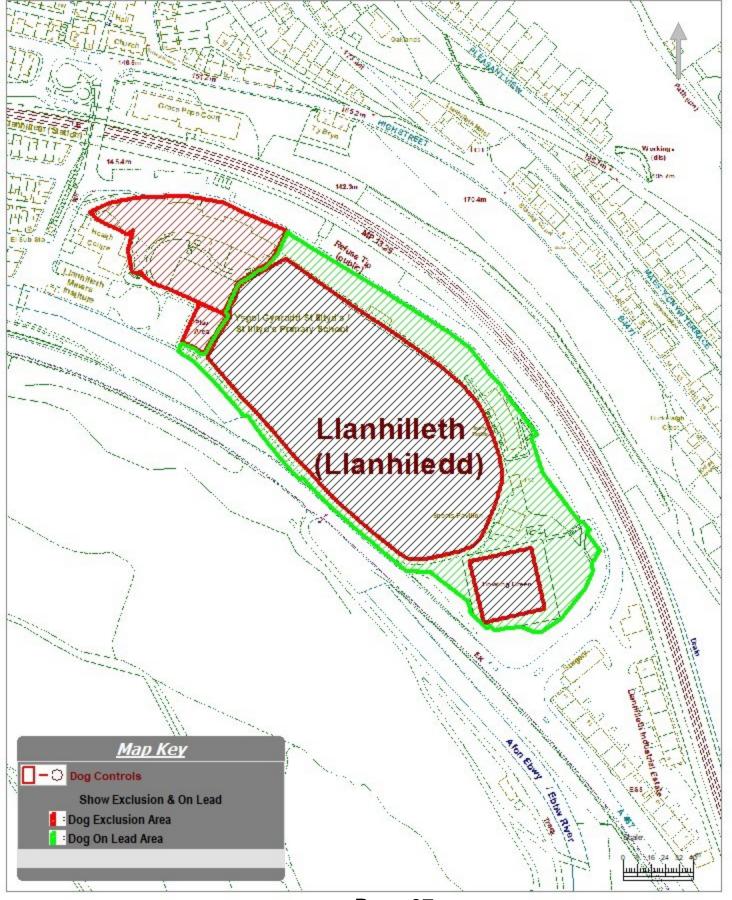
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Brynmawr Welfare Ground, Warwick Road, Brynmawr

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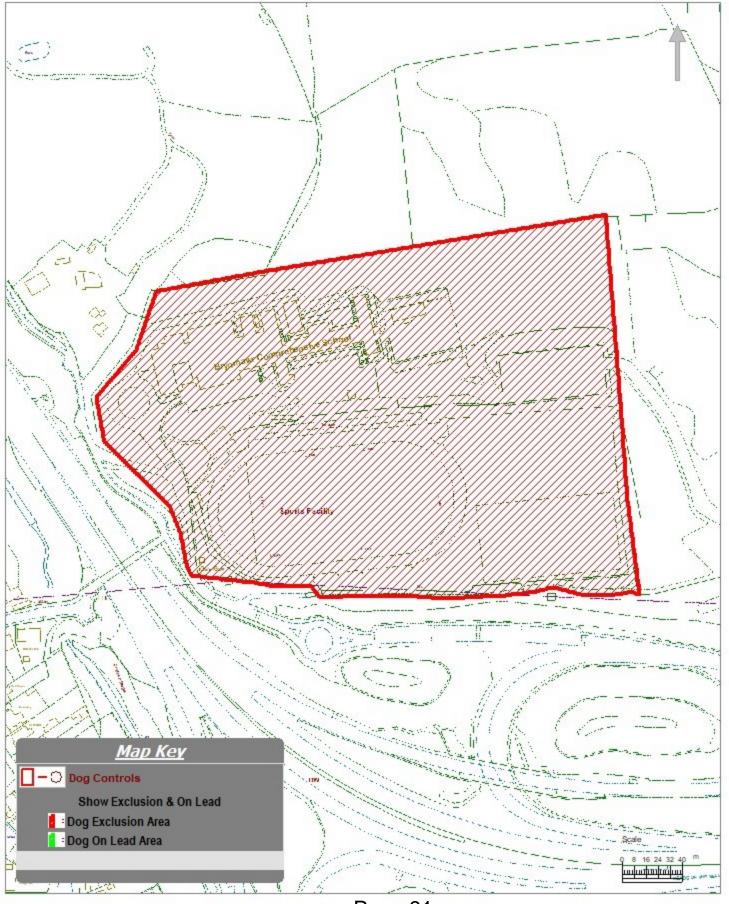
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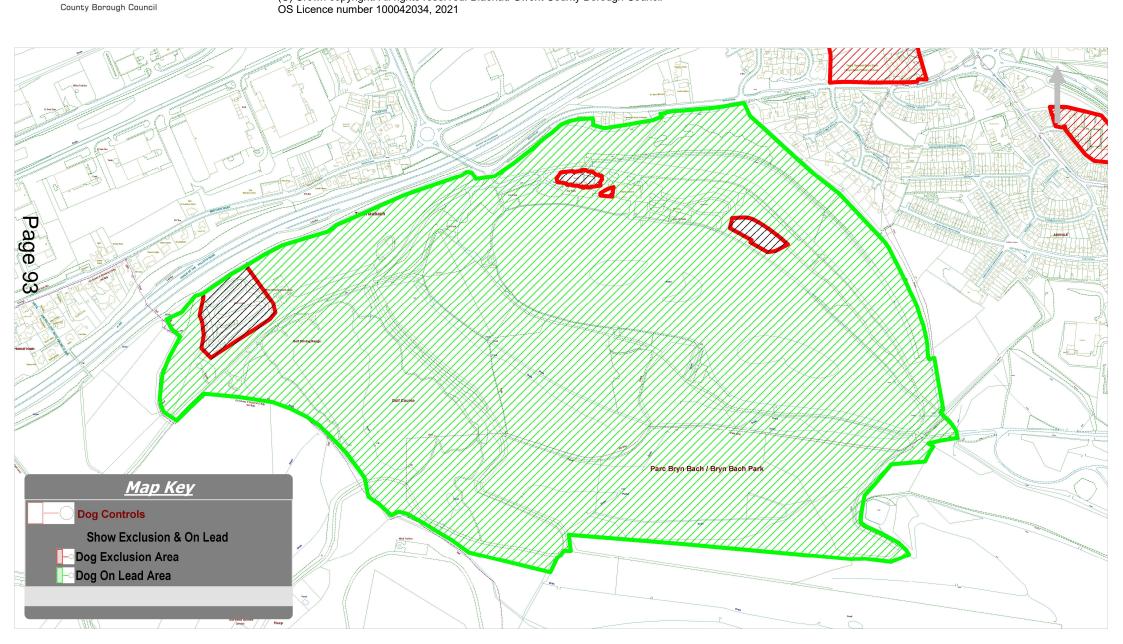
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Bryn Bach Park, Tredegar

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