

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

SUBJECT: CABINET - 19TH APRIL, 2023

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: Leader/Cabinet Member - Corporate Overview & Performance

Councillor S. Thomas

Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member – Place & Environment

Councillor H. Cunningham

Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration

Councillor J.C. Morgan

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

Councillor H. Trollope

Cabinet Member – People & Education

Councillor S. Edmunds

WITH:

Interim Chief Executive

Chief Officer Resources

Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services

Head of School Improvement & Inclusion

Chief Officer Customer and Commercial

Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance

Communications, Marketing & Customer Access Manager

Press & Publicity Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u>	

	It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	
No. 2	<u>APOLOGIES</u> No apologies for absence were reported.	
No. 3	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.	
No. 4	<u>SPECIAL CABINET</u> To receive the decisions of the Special Cabinet held on the 22 nd February, 2023. RESOLVED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.	
No. 5	<u>CABINET</u> To receive the decisions of the Cabinet held on the 1 st March, 2023. RESOLVED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.	
No. 6	<u>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING - 2022/2023, FORECAST OUTTURN TO 31ST MARCH 2023 (AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022)</u> Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources. RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Members note the forecast application of reserves. (Option 1)	
No. 7	<u>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, FORECAST FOR 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022)</u> Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources. RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support appropriate financial control procedures 	

	<p>agreed by Council; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the budgetary control and monitoring procedures in place within the Capital Team, to safeguard Authority funding. (Option 1) 	
No. 8	<p><u>BUSINESS RATES RELIEF – RETAIL, LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY RATES RELIEF – 2023/24</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Cabinet adopt the Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief – 2023/24 scheme on behalf of the Council, to supplement the Council’s Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme. (Option 2)</p>	
No. 9	<p><u>PROGRESS REPORT CONTRACTS OVER £500K</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the information included within the report be accepted (Option 1).</p>	
No. 10	<p><u>LOCAL AIR QUALITY PROGRESS REPORT – 2022 (FOR 2021)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Members note the content of the 2022 Air Quality Progress Report for Blaenau Gwent CBC in relation to the continued monitoring and ongoing review of air quality within Blaenau Gwent by the Environmental Health Section in fulfilment of the Authority’s statutory duties in compliance with Part IV of the Environment Act 1995.</p>	
No. 11	<p><u>ECO4 FLEXIBLE ELIGIBILITY - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND JOINT ‘STATEMENT OF INTENT’</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Members note the content of the report in relation to the implementation of ECO4 Flex in the borough.</p>	

<p>No. 12</p>	<p><u>BRYNMAWR PLACEMAKING PLAN</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.</p> <p>The Leader emphasised that progression of any projects contained within the Placemaking Plan would be subject to funding being identified.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Cabinet endorse the Brynmawr Placemaking Plan, its vision and core ambitions for the future. This will enable us to finalise the draft of the delivery plan and steps towards implementation of the projects that will be contained within it. (Option 2)</p>	
<p>No. 13</p>	<p><u>SHARED PROSPERITY FUND</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Members to endorse the SLA between BGCBC and RCTCBC, subject to clarification received from RCTCBC and for the Director of Regeneration and Community Services alongside the S151 Officer to be given delegated authority to accept revisions to the SLA to facilitate the implementation of the SPF within Blaenau Gwent. (Option 2)</p>	
<p>No. 14</p>	<p><u>EAS BUSINESS PLAN 2023-2025 (CONSULTATION VERSION – ACCESSIBLE)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report and business plan be accepted. (Option 1)</p>	
<p>No. 15</p>	<p><u>PROPOSAL TO CONSULT ON ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS RESOURCE BASE CAPACITY</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Cabinet support the</p>	

	associated consultation document and course of action. (Option 1)	
No. 16	<p><u>ADVANCED ENGINEERING CENTRE (HIVE) EBBW VALE</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).</p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report which contained exempt information relating to the financial/business affairs of persons other than the Authority be accepted, and Option 1 be approved.</p>	