

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

SUBJECT: CABINET - 22ND FEBRUARY, 2023

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR S THOMAS

Councillors H. Cunningham
J. C. Morgan
H. Trollope

WITH: Interim Chief Executive
Interim Corporate Director Social Services
Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services
Corporate Director Education
Chief Officer Resources
Head of Partnerships and Governance
Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance
Communications, Marketing & Customer Access Manager
Head of Organisational Development
Service Manager – Policy & Partnerships
Corporate Procurement Manager
Service Manager – Customer Experience & Benefits

DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

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

<p>No. 2</p>	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>The following apologies for absence were received from:-</p> <p>Councillor S. Edmunds Chief Officer Customer and Commercial</p>	
<p>No. 3</p>	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
<p>No. 4</p>	<p><u>REVENUE BUDGET 2023/2024</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>A Leader proposed that sections 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 of Option 1 be accepted and sections 3.1.4 to 3.1.8 of Option 1 be deferred pending further consideration at the Special Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Thursday, 23rd February, 2023. This proposal was seconded.</p> <p>RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members recommended to Council the 2023/24 revenue budget as detailed in the table in paragraph 5.1.15 of the report; • provided comment on the outcomes within the overall provisional RSG Settlement and noted the potential for further change in the Final RSG Settlement (paragraphs 2.6 – 2.17); • provided comment on the outcomes within the BGCBC provisional RSG Settlement and its impact upon the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (paragraphs 2.18 – 2.26); • decisions related to the updated cost pressures and growth items (£3.22m in total) identified in Appendix 2 (paragraphs 5.1.10 – 5.1.16) be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023; 	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• decisions related to an uplift of £1.5m which equates to 3% increase to the ISB (paragraphs 5.1.17 to 5.1.24) be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023;• decisions related to the Bridging the Gap proposals delivering £4.18m of financial efficiencies and budget cuts to towards the budget gap (paragraphs 5.1.25 to 5.1.32) be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023;• decisions related to the use of reserves of £2.5m to balance the budget for 2023/2024 (paragraphs 5.1.33 to 5.1.35) be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023; and• decisions related to a Council Tax increase of 4% for 2023/24 (paragraph 5.1.7) as per the MTFS assumptions be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023. | |
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