

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE - 13TH JULY, 2023

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR J. HILL (CHAIR)

Councillors E. Jones (Vice-Chair)
J. C. Morgan
C. Bainton
D. Bevan
G. A. Davies
L. Parsons
C. Smith
L. Winnett

WITH: **Scrutiny Chairs & Vice-Chairs**

Vice-Chair of Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee
Councillor J. Thomas

Chair of Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Councillor W. Hodgins

Chair of People Scrutiny Committee
Councillor T. Smith

Vice-Chair of Places Scrutiny Committee
Councillor R. Leadbeater

AND: Chief Officer Resources
Service Manager Performance & Democratic
Service Manager Policy & Partnerships
Policy Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<p><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></p> <p>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>	
No. 2	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:-</p> <p>Councillors J. Wilkins and M. Cross Chief Officer Customer & Commercial Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships Head of Organisational Development Organisational Development Manager</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th March, 2023.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the Minutes be received as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
No. 5	<p><u>PROPOSED COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the proposed Forward Work Programme 2023/2024.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and Option 1 be endorsed, namely that the Forward Work Programme 2023/2024 be agreed.</p>	
No. 6	<p><u>SCHEDULE OF MEMBERS REMUNERATION 2023-24</u></p>	

	<p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and Option 1 be endorsed, namely that the Schedule of Members Remuneration 2023/2024 be agreed and published.</p>	
<p>No. 7</p>	<p><u>BLAENAU GWENT ENGAGEMENT & PARTICIPATION STRATEGY</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance and Partnerships.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and Option 1 be endorsed, namely that the planning and consultation process for a new Engagement & Participation Strategy be noted and a joint Corporate Overview & Performance Scrutiny and Democratic Services Committees Workshop on 26th July, 2023 be agreed to shape development of the initial Strategy.</p>	
<p>No. 8</p>	<p><u>TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS</u></p> <p>Members considered the time of future Democratic Services Committee meetings.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that all future Democratic Services Committees commence at 10.00 a.m.</p>	