

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMITTEE - 6TH JULY, 2023

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR L. WINNETT (CHAIR)

Councillors P. Baldwin (Vice-Chair)
J. Holt
E. Jones
L. Parsons
D. Rowberry
C. Smith
W. Hodgins
G. Humphreys
J. Thomas
D. Wilkshire

WITH: Service Manager Development & Estates
Team Manager Development Management
Planning Officer (x2)
Communications, Marketing & Customer Access Manager
Solicitor

AND: Charlotte Owen – Audit Wales

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>An apology for absence was received from Councillors M. Day and Jen Morgan, J.P.</p>	
<p>No. 3</p>	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were raised.</p>	
<p>No. 4</p>	<p><u>REVIEW OF THE PLANNING SERVICE – BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Consideration was given report Audit Wales Report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the recommendations contained within be noted.</p>	
<p>No. 5</p>	<p><u>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION QUARTER 4 – JANUARY TO MARCH 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manger Development & Estates.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>	
<p>No. 6</p>	<p><u>BUILDING CONTROL - OUT OF HOURS DANGEROUS STRUCTURES CALL OUTS</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Development & Estates.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and upon a vote being taken Option 1 was approved, namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue as per the existing arrangement where a BCO is not guaranteed to attend an incident. The advantage of this option is that it entails least cost. • However, this is predicated on the Council acknowledging and accepting the risk that in the event that emergency 	

	<p>services require professional advice on the safety of a structure e.g. to enter, then there will be no BCO in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCSLT are asked to consider the potential risk and reputational damage associated with what may be a major incident and Building Control do not attend. • It may also prove impossible to instigate any cost recovery against property owners. 	
No. 7	<p><u>APPEALS, CONSULTATIONS AND DNS UPDATE JULY 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Development & Estates.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>	
No. 8	<p><u>LIST OF APPLICATIONS DECIDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BETWEEN 30TH MAY 2023 AND 22ND JUNE 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Business Support Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>	
No. 9	<p><u>AREAS FOR MEMBER BRIEFINGS AND TRAINING</u></p> <p>The Chair reported that the following Members Briefing Sessions would be arranged in due course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement Training • Section 106 • Material Planning Considerations <p>It was noted that the training sessions would be offered to all Members of the Council.</p>	