

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

**SUBJECT: CABINET - 10TH APRIL, 2024**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**PRESENT: Leader/Cabinet Member - Corporate Overview & Performance**  
Councillor S. Thomas

**Cabinet Member – Place and Regeneration**  
Councillor J.C. Morgan

**Cabinet Member – People & Social Services**  
Councillor H. Trollope

**WITH:** Interim Chief Executive  
Chief Officer Resources  
Interim Corporate Director of Education  
Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance  
Head of Organisational Development  
Team Manager Estates & Strategic Asset Management  
Service Manager Policy & Partnerships  
Professional Lead for Strategic Partnerships

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>No. 1</b>	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	
<b>No. 2</b>	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  The following apologies for absence were reported:	

	Councillor H. Cunningham, Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Place & Environment, Councillor S. Edmunds, Cabinet Member for People & Education; and the Interim Corporate Director Social Services.	
<b>No. 3</b>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
<b>No. 4</b>	<p><b><u>CABINET</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the Cabinet Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the decisions be received as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
<b>No. 5</b>	<p><b><u>BLAENAU GWENT LOCAL WELL-BEING PARTNERSHIP</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance and Partnerships.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Cabinet endorse the report and appendices for approval by the Blaenau Gwent Local Well-being Partnership. (Option 1)</p>	
<b>No. 6</b>	<p><b><u>BUSINESS RATES RELIEF - RETAIL, LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY RATES RELIEF 2024-25</u></b></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 – 2024/25 scheme on behalf of the Council, to supplement the Council’s discretionary rate relief scheme. (Option 2)</p>	
<b>No. 7</b>	<p><b><u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FURTHER LAND TO ABERTILLERY BLUEBIRDS</u></b></p>	

	<p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Community Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Abertillery Bluebirds be allowed to take on control of the sports field at Windsor Road to facilitate use by junior members of the club. (Option 1)</p>	
<b>No. 8</b>	<p><b><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted as presented. (Option 2)</p>	
<b>No. 9</b>	<p><b><u>EDUCATION DIGITAL STRATEGY</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Cabinet approve the Strategy. (Option 1)</p>	
<b>No. 10</b>	<p><b><u>BLAENAU GWENT ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR NURSERY AND STATUTORY EDUCATION 2025/26</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report and Policy be accepted. (Option 1)</p>	
<b>No. 11</b>	<p><b><u>WELSH PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS (WPLS) ANNUAL RETURN 2022/23</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and the information detailed therein be approved. (Option 1)</p>	