

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PLACE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 16TH JANUARY,
2024**

REPORT OF:

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M. CROSS (CHAIR)

Councillors R. Leadbeater (Vice-Chair)
S. Behr
K. Chaplin
G. A. Davies
J. Gardner
W. Hodgins
L. Parsons
D. Rowberry

WITH: Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services
Head of Community Services
Service Manager - Public Protection Services
Team Leader – Frontline Enforcement
Service Manager – Neighbourhood Services
Team Manager - Streetscene
Service Manager – Development and Estates
Service Manager – Policy and Partnerships
Team Manager – Trading Standards
Team Manager – Commercial Services
Team Manager – Regeneration Opportunities
Housing Solutions Manager
Policy Officer CCTV
Communications & Marketing Officer
Scrutiny and Democratic 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>An apology for absence was received from the Service Manager – Business and Regeneration.</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>The following declarations of interest were raised:-</p> <p>Councillor W. Hodgins Item No. 6 – Regeneration and Community Services 6 Month Progress Report (Employment and Skills – Aspire Programme)</p> <p>Councillor S, Behr Item No. 6 – Regeneration and Community Services 6 Month Progress Report (Housing – Tai Calon Board Member)</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the meeting held on 5th December, 2023.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
No. 5	<p><u>ACTION SHEET</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the action sheet.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the action sheet be noted.</p>	

<p>No. 6</p>	<p><u>REGENERATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES 6-MONTH PROGRESS PERFORMANCE REPORT -APR23-SEPT23</u></p> <p>To consider the report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein noted (Option 2).</p> <p>Councillors K. Chaplin, J. Gardener and D. Rowberry left the meeting at this juncture.</p>	
<p>No. 7</p>	<p><u>OVERVIEW POSITION OF BLAENAU GWENT TOWN CENTRE CCTV ZONES 2023/24</u></p> <p>To consider the joint report of the Service Manager Policy and Partnerships and Policy Officer CCTV.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and agreed the following recommendations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the Place Scrutiny Committee considered the updated Codes of Practice for 2023/24 and recommended endorsement by the Cabinet (Option 1); (2) the Committee noted the current operating practices and arrangements with Caerphilly Council and IDS; and (3) the Committee agreed to consider the Annual Report 2023/24 as part of the committees forward work programme for 2024/25. 	
<p>No. 8</p>	<p><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 5TH MARCH 2024</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the Scrutiny Committee made amendments to the topics scheduled for the meeting; suggested any additional invitees that the committee requires to fully consider the reports; and requested any additional information to be included with regards to the topics to be discussed. (Option 2)</p>	