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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

24th November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee will be held in Via Microsoft Teams on Friday, 1st December, 2023 at 9.30 am.

Yours faithfully



Damien McCann
Interim Chief Executive

AGENDA

Pages

1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation service will be provided if requested.

2. APOLOGIES

To receive.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

To receive.
4. **GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE** 5 - 10

To receive the decisions of the Governance & Audit Committee held on 18th October, 2023.

(Please note the decisions are submitted for points of accuracy only).
5. **ACTION SHEET** 11 - 12

To receive the Action Sheet arising from the meeting held on 18th October, 2023.
6. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24** 13 - 18

To receive.
7. **GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023** 19 - 30

To consider the report of the Data Protection and Governance Officer.
8. **AUDIT WALES: WELL-BEING OBJECTIVE SETTING EXAMINATION – BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** 31 - 50

To consider the report of the Interim Chief Executive.
9. **ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT – USE OF POWERS UNDER THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) 2000** 51 - 54

To consider the report of the Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance.
10. **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS 2023/24** 55 - 70

To consider the report of the Professional Lead - Internal Audit.
11. **CORPORATE RISK REGISTER Q2 2023 / 2024** 71 - 114

To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

12. DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/2023

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To consider the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

To: J. Absalom (Chair)
Councillor S. Behr (Vice-Chair)
Councillor D. Bevan
Councillor K. Chaplin
Councillor W. Hodgins
Councillor C. Smith
Councillor J. Wilkins
M. Veale

All other Members (for information)
Interim Chief Executive
Chief Officers