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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

12th January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee will be held as a Hybrid Meeting to be held virtually via MS Teams or in The Sir Williams Firth Room, General Offices, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale on Wednesday, 17th January, 2024 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 1st December, 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 1st December, 2023.

6. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24** 13 - 20

To receive.

7. **AUDIT WALES – BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY 2022** 21 - 30

To consider the report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance and Partnerships.

8. **AUDIT WALES: CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEES – COMMENTARY ON THEIR PROGRESS** 31 - 52

To consider the report of the Interim Chief Executive.

9. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT** 53 - 86

To consider the report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance and Partnerships.

10. **EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN** 87 - 98

To consider the report of the Audit and Risk Manager.

11. **SRS IT AUDIT PLAN** 99 - 104

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
C. Hucker

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