

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

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

**SUBJECT: PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 18TH JULY, 2023**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER**

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PRESENT: COUNCILLOR T. SMITH (CHAIR)

Councillors Jen Morgan, J.P.  
C. Bainton  
D. Bevan  
J. Gardner  
G. Thomas  
D. Wilkshire  
L. Parsons (*substituting for G. Humphreys*)  
Mr. T. Baxter

WITH: Interim Corporate Director of Education  
Service Manger Education Transformation & Business Change  
Service Manager Young People & Partnerships  
Head of Children's Services  
Head of Adult Services  
Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships  
Service Manager Children's Services

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	
No. 2	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  Apologies for absence were reported for Councillor G. Humphreys, J. Wilkins ( <i>invited for Item No. 7</i> ) and the Interim Corporate	

	Director of 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>TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS</u></b></p> <p>The Committee AGREED that meetings be held at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<b>No. 5</b>	<p><b><u>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 were submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
<b>No. 6</b>	<p><b><u>PROPOSED SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny &amp; Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the Forward Work Programme for the People Scrutiny Committee be accepted (Option 1).</p>	
<b>No. 7</b>	<p><b><u>SAFEGUARDING PERFORMANCE INFORMATION (INCLUDING SOCIAL SERVICES 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST MARCH AND EDUCATION SPRING TERM-2023 AND CORPORATE SERVICES)</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the joint report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services and the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend (Option 1), namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The approach and information detailed in the report (Appendix 1) be accepted as provided; and</li> <li>b) Recommend that Cabinet agree the revised Safeguarding in Education Policy as shown in Appendix 3.</li> </ul>	