

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

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

SUBJECT: PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR T. SMITH (CHAIR)

Councillors J. Morgan, J.P. (Vice-Chair)
C. Bainton
D. Bevan
J. Gardner
G. Humphreys
J. P. Morgan
G. Thomas
D. Wilkshire

WITH: Interim Corporate Director of Social Services
Interim Corporate Director of Education
Service Manger Education Transformation & Business Change
Head of Adult Services
Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships
Policy Officer Engagement & Equality
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer

AND: Amy Thomas (Regional Lead Advisor, Gwent Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence)

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u> It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	

No. 2	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>No apologies for absence were received.</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 18th July, 2023 were submitted.</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>There were no actions arising from the meeting of the People Scrutiny Committee held on the 18th July, 2023.</p>	
No. 6	<p><u>VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL VIOLENCE (VAWDASV): GWENT REGIONAL STRATEGY 2023 – 2027</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend approval of the Strategy by Cabinet. (Option 1)</p>	
No. 7	<p><u>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2022/2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.</p>	

	<p>The Committee AGREED to recommend the publication of the Annual Report of the Director of Social Services 2022/2023 and approval by Council. (Option 1)</p>	
<p>No. 8</p>	<p><u>HOME TO SCHOOL AND POST 16 TRANSPORT POLICY REVIEW 2024 - 2025</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education, and the Service Manager for Education Transformation and Business Change.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the Home to School and Post 16 Transport Policy 2024/25 (Appendix 1) be accepted; and recommended to Cabinet for approval. (Option 1)</p> <p>Councillor Jen Morgan, J.P. abstained from the voting process.</p>	
<p>No. 9</p>	<p><u>INCLUSION AND ALN STRATEGY/POLICIES/GUIDANCE (REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend Option 2, and reject the policies, owing to there being no consultation with Headteachers and Members felt that as a result the policies may not be fit for purpose.</p>	
<p>No. 10</p>	<p><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 7TH NOVEMBER 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny & Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED the Forward Programme for the meeting 7th November 2023, as presented (Option 2).</p>	