

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

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

**SUBJECT: PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 30TH JANUARY, 2024 (12.15 PM)**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER**

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PRESENT: COUNCILLOR T. SMITH (CHAIR)

Councillors D. Bevan  
J. Gardner  
G. Humphreys  
J. P. Morgan  
D. Wilkshire

WITH: Interim Corporate Director of Education  
Interim Corporate Director of Social Services  
Head of Adult Services  
Service Manager Education Transformation  
Policy Officer Engagement & Equalities  
Press & Public Relations Officer  
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer

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 was received for the Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships.	

<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>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 were submitted for points of accuracy.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
<b>No. 5</b>	<p><b><u>ACTION SHEET</u></b></p> <p>The actions sheet arising from the meeting of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 was submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
<b>No. 6</b>	<p><b><u>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2023/2024 (QUARTERS 1 AND 2)</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director Social Services.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as provided (Option 2).</p>	
<b>No. 7</b>	<p><b><u>CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SERVICES 6-MONTH PROGRESS PERFORMANCE REPORT APR 23-SEPT 23</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director Social Services.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as presented (Option 2).</p>	

<b>No. 8</b>	<p><b><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 30TH JANUARY 2024</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following be added to the Forward Work Programme for the People Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A report providing further data on Schools.</li><li>• Update report on The River Centre.</li><li>• Members Briefing on the work of the Youth Service.</li><li>• Members Briefing on the Welsh Government Review of the Middle Sector.</li></ul> <p>The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing, that the FWP for the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 be accepted as presented. (Option 2)</p>	