

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b><u>THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL</u></b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b><u>ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021</u></b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b><u>DEMOCRATIC OFFICER</u></b>

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PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M. MOORE (THE CHAIR,  
PRESIDING)

Councillors P. Baldwin

D. Bevan

J. Collins

M. Cook

M. Cross

N. Daniels

D. Davies

G. A. Davies

G. L. Davies

M. Day

P. Edwards

D. Hancock

K. Hayden

S. Healy

J. Hill

W. Hodgins

J. Holt

J. Mason

H. McCarthy, B.A. (Hons)

C. Meredith

J. Millard

J. C. Morgan

J. P. Morgan

L. Parsons

G. Paulsen

K. Pritchard

K. Rowson

T. Sharrem

T. Smith

B. Summers

B. Thomas  
G. Thomas  
S. Thomas  
J. Wilkins  
D. Wilkshire  
B. Willis  
L. Winnett

AND: Corporate Director of Social Services  
Corporate Director of Education  
Chief Officer Resources  
Interim Chief Officer Commercial  
Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance  
Service Manager Performance and Democratic  
Data Protection & Governance Officer  
Press & Publicity Officer

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
1.	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	
2.	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  Apologies for absence were received from:  Councillors G. Collier, L. Elias, H. Trollope and the Managing Director.	
3.	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b>  There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.	

**4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(i) Condolences**

Condolences were expressed to the families of:

- Former County Borough Councillor Karen Williams who had sadly passed away.
- Former M.P. for Blaenau Gwent and MEP, Llew Smith who had also sadly passed away

Members and officers paid their respects with a minute's silence

RESOLVED that appropriate letters be sent to the families.

**(ii) Congratulations**

Congratulations were expressed to:

**Nantyglo Football Club and Nantyglo Youth Side FC**

Throughout March, a number of Nantyglo FC's Youth Side took part in a challenge called 'March into Spring'. A challenge that involved walking/running/cycling 2 miles a day – with an overall target of 62 miles by the end of March but yet amazingly this target was smashed with 1,875 miles covered and £1,200 raised in sponsorship monies for the children's football club and the charity TIDY BUTT.

In addition, Nantyglo Football Club had undertaken some truly inspirational work with its members and the community throughout the course of the pandemic, to boost both physical and mental wellbeing and had continued to support its members, community and young people during this challenging time.

Letters of congratulations had been sent to both Nantyglo Football Club and the Youth Side.

5.

**CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Julie Holt be elected Chair of the Council and that Councillor Malcolm Day be appointed Deputy Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,

RESOLVED accordingly.

Councillor Julie Holt took the Chair at this juncture and expressed her appreciation to Members for their vote of confidence and thanked the out-going Chair, Councillor Mandy Moore for the sterling work she had undertaken in the role over the last few years.

6.

**LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Nigel Daniels be re-elected Leader of the Council and that Councillor David C. Davies be re-elected Deputy Leader for the ensuing year.

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously

RESOLVED accordingly.

The Leader of the Council expressed his appreciation to the out-going Chair of Council, Councillor Mandy Moore who had undertaken an excellent job chairing Council meetings in her own unique style over the last few years. Congratulations was also expressed to the newly appointed Chair, Councillor Julie Holt and Deputy Chair, Councillor Malcolm Day who he was sure would follow suit in with their own inimitable style.

The Leader of the Labour Group echoed these comments and continued by stating that with the advent of the move from the Civic Centre, the Labour Group Members wished to place on record their concerns that the Council was

losing its identity. In addition, Members felt that the civic role had diminished and the Leader of the Labour Group asked whether discussions could take place in respect of enhancing the Chair of Council's role to include more of the mayoral aspects, potentially without reimbursement. He explained that should there be any potential future discussions regarding the amalgamation of authorities, Blaenau Gwent could end up without an identity and a base.

In order that due consideration and an appropriate response could be provided, the Leader of the Council requested that the views of the Labour Group be submitted to him in writing.

FURTHER RESOLVED accordingly.

A Member of the Labour Group also echoed his congratulations to the newly appointed Chair of Council, Councillor Julie Holt and agreed with the Leader of the Labour Group's comments. He felt that since the Mayoral role had been disbanded, dignity at meetings had declined and Blaenau Gwent's heritage, which was vitally important for future generations was being damaged.

**7. GROUP OFFICERS**

The **Independent Group Officers** for the ensuing year were reported as follows:

Councillor N. Daniels – Leader  
Councillor D. Davies – Deputy Leader  
Councillor J. Wilkins – Secretary  
Councillor J. Holt – Group Chair  
Councillor M. Day – Group Vice-Chair

It was reported that the **Labour Group Officers** for the ensuing year would be:

Councillor S. Thomas - Leader  
Councillor H. Trollope - Deputy Leader  
Councillor T. Smith - Group Chair

	<p>Councillor M. Cross – Group Vice-Chair  Councillor H. McCarthy – Secretary  Councillor K. Hayden – Treasurer</p> <p>It was reported that the <b>Minority Independent Group Officers</b> for the ensuing year would be:</p> <p>Councillor P. Edwards – Leader  Councillor J. Millard – Deputy Leader</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE</u></b></p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously RESOLVED that the following be appointed:</p> <p><b><u>Leader of the Council/Executive Member Corporate Services</u></b>  Councillor N. Daniels</p> <p><b><u>Deputy Leader of the Council/Executive Member – Regeneration &amp; Economic Development</u></b>  Councillor D. Davies</p> <p><b><u>Executive Member – Environment</u></b>  Councillor J. Wilkins</p> <p><b><u>Executive Member – Social Services</u></b>  Councillor J. Mason</p> <p><b><u>Executive Member – Education</u></b>  Councillor J. Collins</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b><u>CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES</u></b></p> <p>It was proposed and seconded that the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair be held by the following and upon a vote being taken this was unanimously RESOLVED:</p>	

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**Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee**

**Chair** Councillor S. Healy

**Vice-Chair** Councillor M. Cook

**Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**

**Chair** Councillor J. Hill

**Vice-Chair** Councillor G. A. Davies

**Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

**Chair** Councillor M. Moore

**Vice-Chair** Councillor C. Meredith

**Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee**

**Chair** Councillor H. Trollope

**Vice-Chair** Councillor J. Holt

**Social Services Scrutiny Committee**

**Chair** Councillor S. Thomas

**Vice-Chair** Councillor K. Rowson

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

**Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee**

**15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

1. Chair - Councillor S. Healy
  2. Vice Chair - Councillor M. Cook
  3. Councillors P. Baldwin
  4. G. Collier
  5. M. Cross
  6. G. A. Davies
  7. L. Elias
  8. J. Hill
  9. J. Holt
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| 10. | H. McCarthy  |
| 11. | C. Meredith  |
| 12. | J. P. Morgan |
| 13. | G. Paulsen   |
| 14. | S. Thomas    |
| 15. | T. Smith     |

**Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**  
**15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

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| 1.  | Chair -      | Councillor J. Hill      |
| 2.  | Vice Chair - | Councillor G. A. Davies |
| 3.  | Councillors  | M. Cook                 |
| 4.  |              | M. Cross                |
| 5.  |              | G. L. Davies            |
| 6.  |              | P. Edwards              |
| 7.  |              | K. Hayden               |
| 8.  |              | S. Healy                |
| 9.  |              | W. Hodgins              |
| 10. |              | H. McCarthy             |
| 11. |              | J. C. Morgan            |
| 12. |              | L. Parsons              |
| 13. |              | G. Paulsen              |
| 14. |              | K. Rowson               |
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15. B. Willis

**Community Services Scrutiny Committee**  
**15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

1. Chair - Councillor M. Moore
2. Vice Chair - Councillor C. Meredith
3. Councillors P. Baldwin
4. M. Cook
5. M. Cross
6. M. Day
7. P. Edwards
8. S. Healy
9. W. Hodgins
10. J. Holt
11. J. C. Morgan
12. L. Parsons
13. T. Sharrem
14. B. Summers
15. L. Winnett

**Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee –**  
**15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

1. Chair - Councillor H. Trollope
  2. Vice Chair - Councillor J. Holt
  3. Councillors D. Bevan
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4. G. Collier

5. M. Cook

6. M. Day

7. L. Elias

8. S. Healy

9. J. Hill

10. C. Meredith

11. J. C. Morgan

12. J. P. Morgan

13. T. Smith

14. B. Summers

15. D. Wilkshire

***\* Would also include 2 Members of religious bodies and between 2-5 parent governors with voting rights only when dealing with education matters.***

1. Mr. T. Baxter Diocesan Education Body  
(R.C. Church)

2. Vacant (Church in Wales)

3. Vacant Youth Forum Representative

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**Social Services Scrutiny Committee –**  
**15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

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| 1.  | Chair -      | Councillor S. Thomas |
| 2.  | Vice Chair - | Councillor K. Rowson |
| 3.  | Councillors  | D. Bevan             |
| 4.  |              | G. Collier           |
| 5.  |              | G. A. Davies         |
| 6.  |              | G. L. Davies         |
| 7.  |              | P. Edwards           |
| 8.  |              | K. Hayden            |
| 9.  |              | W. Hodgins           |
| 10. |              | J. Holt              |
| 11. |              | M. Moore             |
| 12. |              | G. Paulsen           |
| 13. |              | T. Sharrem           |
| 14. |              | T. Smith             |
| 15. |              | B. Summers           |
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**Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee**  
**15 Members - Proportionality 9:5:1 (to include**  
**Corporate Overview Members & Chairs of Scrutiny**  
**Committees)**

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| 1.  | Chair -      | <u>Chair - Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee</u><br>Councillor S. Healy        |
| 2.  | Vice Chair - | <u>Vice Chair - Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee</u><br>Councillor M. Cook    |
| 3.  |              | <u>Chair - Social Services Scrutiny Committee</u><br>Councillor S. Thomas          |
| 4.  |              | <u>Chair – Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee</u><br>Councillor H. Trollope |
| 5.  |              | <u>Chair – Regeneration Scrutiny Committee</u><br>Councillor J. Hill               |
| 6.  |              | <u>Chair – Community Services Scrutiny Committee</u><br>Councillor M. Moore        |
| 7.  | Councillors  | P. Baldwin   |
| 8.  |              | M. Cross   |
| 9.  |              | G. A. Davies   |
| 10. |              | J. Holt  |
| 11. |              | C. Meredith  |
| 12. |              | J. Millard   |
| 13. |              | J. C. Morgan   |

14. J. P. Morgan

15. G. Paulsen

The Leader of the Labour Group referred to the two Member appointments on the Silent Valley Waste Services Board and sought clarification whether these would also be confirmed at this meeting. In addition, he pointed out that these were paid appointments and asked when a report could be expected to be received from these Members as no report had not been received for a considerable period of some time.

The Leader of the Council advised that the appointees to the Silent Valley Waste Services Board would form part of Item No. 12 'Representatives on Outside Bodies' but confirmed that Councillors M. Cook and B. Summers would be re-appointed to the Board. With regard to any forthcoming report, the appointed Members would consider this request.

The Leader of the Labour Group continued by advising that according to published records there was one Member who had been in receipt of more than one responsibility allowance for over 2 years and requested that further details be submitted to a future meeting to establish if this was correct.

The Leader of the Council said that he was genuinely not aware of this case and requested that both he and the Chief Officer Resources be furnished with the details in order that this matter could be investigated and discussed further.

FURTHER RESOLVED accordingly.

10.

**STANDING COMMITTEES AND STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES**

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

**Planning, Regulatory & General Licensing Committee**  
**– 15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

1. Chair - Councillor D. Hancock
2. Vice Chair - Councillor W. Hodgins
3. Councillors D. Bevan
4. G. L. Davies
5. M. Day
6. J. Hill
7. C. Meredith
8. K. Pritchard
9. K. Rowson
10. B. Thomas
11. G. Thomas
12. T. Smith
13. D. Wilkshire
14. B. Willis
15. L. Winnett

***\*Ward Members to be invited re planning site meetings without voting rights.***

**General Licensing Sub-Committee (Rolling Rota) - 3 Members – (No Proportionality)**

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| 1. | Chair      | Councillor D. Hancock |
|    | <b>or</b>  |                       |
|    | Vice Chair | Councillor W. Hodgins |

*Plus 2 other Members of the Planning, Regulatory & General Licensing Committee*

**Statutory Licensing Committee – 15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

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| 1.  | Chair -      | Councillor D. Hancock |
| 2.  | Vice Chair - | Councillor W. Hodgins |
| 3.  | Councillors  | D. Bevan              |
| 4.  |              | G. L. Davies          |
| 5.  |              | M. Day                |
| 6.  |              | J. Hill               |
| 7.  |              | C. Meredith           |
| 8.  |              | K. Pritchard          |
| 9.  |              | K. Rowson             |
| 10. |              | B. Thomas             |
| 11. |              | G. Thomas             |
| 12. |              | T. Smith              |
| 13. |              | D. Wilkshire          |
| 14. |              | B. Willis             |
| 15. |              | L. Winnett            |

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**Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee (Rolling Rota) - 3 Members – (No Proportionality)**

1. Chair Councillor D. Hancock  
*or*
2. Vice Chair Councillor W. Hodgins

*Plus 2 other Members of the Statutory Licensing Committee*

**Democratic Services Committee**  
**15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

1. Chair Councillor J. C. Morgan
  2. Vice Chair - Councillor B. Summers
  3. Executive Member - J. Collins
  4. Councillors G. Collier
  5. M. Cook
  6. M. Cross
  7. G. A. Davies
  8. G. L. Davies
  9. M. Day
  10. K. Hayden
  11. S. Healy
  12. H. McCarthy
  13. L. Parsons
  14. K. Pritchard
  15. T. Sharrem
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***\* Chair and Vice Chair of Scrutiny Committees to be invited without voting rights.***

**Governance & Audit Committee –  
15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

CHAIR	To be confirmed
1. Vice Chair	<u>Chair - Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee</u> Councillor S. Healy
2.	<u>Deputy Leader of the Council</u> Councillor D. Davies
3.	<u>Chair - Education &amp; Learning Scrutiny Committee</u> Councillor H. Trollope
4.	<u>Chair - Social Services Scrutiny Committee</u> Councillor S. Thomas
5.	<u>Chair - Regeneration Scrutiny Committee</u> Councillor J. Hill
6.	<u>Chair – Community Services Scrutiny Committee</u> Councillor M. Moore
7.	<u>Chair – Democratic Services Committee</u> Councillor J. C. Morgan
8.	<u>Chair – Planning, Regulatory &amp; General Licensing Committee</u> Councillor D. Hancock
9.	Councillor P. Baldwin
10.	Councillor W. Hodgins

11. Councillor J. Holt
12. Councillor J. Millard
13. Councillor K. Rowson
14. Councillor B. Summers
15. Councillor L. Winnett

Lay Members – Mr. T. Edwards & Mr. M. Veale

**Governance & Audit Committee Appointments Panel**  
**3:2**

1. Councillor D. Davies
2. Councillor S. Healy
3. Councillor J. Hill
4. Councillor S. Thomas
5. Councillor H. Trollope

**Standards Committee - 9 Members –**  
**(3 County Borough Councillors**  
**5 Independent Members**  
**1 Community Council Member)**

1. Town Councillor Jacqueline Thomas
2. Mr. R. Lynch
3. Mr. Stephen Williams
4. Mr R. Alexander
5. Mrs Sarah Rosser
6. Miss H. Roberts
7. Councillor K. Hayden
8. Councillor M. Moore
9. Councillor G. Thomas

**Longlisting/Shortlisting – JNC Officers**  
**7 Members - Proportionality 4:2:1**

1. Leader or Deputy Leader
2. Executive Member for appropriate Portfolio
3. Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
4. Vice-Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
5. Councillor P. Edwards
6. Councillor J. C. Morgan
7. Councillor T. Sharrem

**Substitutes**

1. Councillor S. Healy
2. Councillor J. Hill
3. Councillor K. Hayden
4. Councillor L. Winnett

**Appointments Committee – JNC Officers**  
**15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

1. Chair – Leader or Deputy Leader
2. Executive Member for appropriate Portfolio
3. Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
4. Vice- Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
5. Councillors D. Bevan
7. M. Cook

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| 8.  | M. Cross     |
| 9.  | K. Hayden    |
| 9.  | S. Healy     |
| 10. | J. Hill      |
| 11. | C. Meredith  |
| 12. | J. Millard   |
| 13. | M. Moore     |
| 14. | J. C. Morgan |
| 15. | T. Smith     |

***N.B. Appointments to be made by group leader as required.***

***Executive Member of Appropriate Portfolio(s)  
Scrutiny Chair of Appropriate Portfolio(s)***

**Substitutes:**

1. Councillor J. Holt
2. Councillor B. Summers
3. Councillor S. Thomas
4. Councillor L. Winnett

**Longlisting/Shortlisting – Managing Director/Chief Executive - 7 Members – Proportionality 4:2:1**

1. Leader of the Council
2. Deputy Leader of the Council
3. Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
4. Deputy Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
5. Councillor J. Collins

6. Councillor J. Millard

7. Councillor J. Wilkins

***Officer additions if appropriate***

**Substitutes**

1. Councillor S. Healy

2. Councillor J. Hill

3. Councillor D. Bevan

4. Councillor J. C. Morgan

**Appointments Committee –  
Managing Director/ Chief Executive  
15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1**

1. Chair                      Leader

2. Vice-Chair              Deputy Leader

3. Leader of the Largest Opposition Group

4. Deputy Leader of the Largest Opposition Group

5. Councillors              J. Collins

6.                              M. Cook

7.                              M. Cross

8.                              S. Healy

9.                              J. Hill

10.                             J. Mason

11.                             C. Meredith

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| 12. | J. Millard   |
| 13. | J. C. Morgan |
| 14. | J. Wilkins   |
| 15. | L. Winnett   |

***N.B. Appointments to be made by group leader as required.  
Executive Member of Appropriate Portfolio(s)  
Scrutiny Chair of Appropriate Portfolio(s)***

**Substitutes**

1. Councillor B. Summers
2. Councillor J. Holt
3. Councillor K. Hayden
4. Councillor D. Wilkshire

**Appeals Committee**

***\* 1 Member to be selected from the following to Chair the Committee:-***

Chair of Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee  
Chair of Community Services Scrutiny Committee  
Chair of Social Services Scrutiny Committee  
Chair of Regeneration Scrutiny Committee  
Chair of Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee

***\* 1 Member to be selected from the following Majority Group Members:-***

- Councillors
1. G. Collier
  2. D. Hancock
  3. J. Holt

**\* 1 Member to be selected from the following Labour Group Members:-**

- Councillors
1. D. Bevan
  2. T. Smith
  3. D. Wilkshire

**\* On a Rolling Rota**

**Substitute members**

- Councillors
1. M. Cook
  2. W. Hodgins
  3. B. Willis
  4. L. Winnett

**Investigating & Disciplinary Committee (JNC & Chief Officers)**

- Councillors
1. D. Davies - CHAIR
  2. G. A. Davies
  3. J. Holt
  4. C. Meredith
  5. S. Thomas

**11. SPECIAL AND AD HOC COMMITTEES/CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,

RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

**Cross Party Member Development Working Group – 5 Members**

1. Leader / Executive Member - Corporate Services  
Councillor N. Daniels
2. Deputy Leader / Executive Member – Regeneration and Economic Development  
Councillor D. Davies

3. Councillors S. Healy

4. J. Holt

5. H. Trollope

**Public Service Board (formerly the Local Service Board (LSB))**

1. Leader of the Council / Executive Member – Corporate Services  
Councillor N. Daniels

**Consultation with Trade Unions**

1. Leader/ Executive Member – Corporate Services
2. Deputy Leader /Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development
3. Appropriate Portfolio Member(s)

**Consultation Town/Community Councils**

1. Leader / Executive Member - Corporate Services  
Councillor N. Daniels
2. Executive Member - Regeneration & Economic Development  
Councillor D. Davies
3. Executive Member – Environment  
Councillor J. Wilkins
4. Executive Member – Education  
Councillor J. Collins
5. Executive Member – Social Services  
Councillor J. Mason



6. Councillor M. Cook
7. Councillor M. Cross
8. Councillor J. Hill
9. Councillor M. Moore
10. Councillor L. Winnett

**Fostering Panel (Social Services)**

1. Councillor K. Rowson

Substitute: Councillor G. A. Davies

**Blaenau Gwent Care and Repair – Agency Board**

1. Executive Member - Social Services  
Councillor J. Mason
2. Executive Member – Environment  
Councillor J. Wilkins

**50+ Network**

1. Executive Member – Social Services  
Councillor J. Mason
2. Chair – Social Services Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor S. Thomas
3. Vice-Chair – Social Services Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor K. Rowson
4. Councillor G. Thomas

**Education Admissions Forum**

1. Executive Member – Education  
Councillor J. Collins

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2. Chair – Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor H. Trollope

**Schools Forum**

1. Executive Member – Education  
Councillor J. Collins
2. Chair – Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor H. Trollope

**Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education**

1. Executive Member – Education  
Councillor J. Collins
2. Chair – Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor H. Trollope
3. Councillor J. Holt

**Getting to Know our Schools Sub Group**  
**(formerly Scrutiny Schools Wellbeing Group)**

1. Chair – Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor H. Trollope
  2. Vice Chair – Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor J. Holt
  3. Councillor D. Bevan
  4. Councillor M. Cook
  5. Councillor L. Elias
  6. Councillor C. Meredith
  7. Councillor B. Summers
  8. Councillor J. C. Morgan
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9. Councillor T. Smith

\* **Chair and Vice Chair to endeavour to be at each meeting**

\*\* **All members to be invited to attend sub-group meeting.**

**HoV Waste Programme Joint Committee**

1. Executive Member – Environment  
Councillor J. Wilkins

2. Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development  
Councillor D. Davies

**Tomorrow Valley Project**

1. Executive Member – Environment  
Councillor J. Wilkins

2. Executive Member – Corporate Services  
Councillor N. Daniels

**Local Authority Liaison Committee**

Executive Member – Environment  
Councillor J. Wilkins

Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development  
Councillor D. Davies

Sirhowy Ward Members

Rassau Ward Members

Beaufort Ward Members

Brynmawr Ward Members

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### **Constitution Working Group**

1. Leader of the Council  
Councillor N. Daniels
2. Deputy Leader of the Council  
Councillor D. Davies
3. Leader of the Labour Group  
Councillor S. Thomas
4. Deputy Leader of the Labour Group  
Councillor H. Trollope
5. Chair of Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor S. Healy
6. Vice-Chair of Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor M. Cook
7. Chair of the Council  
Councillor M. Moore
8. Deputy Chair of the Council  
Councillor J. Holt
9. Councillor C. Meredith
10. Councillor J. Hill

### **Freedom of the Borough – Cross Party Working Group**

1. Councillors J. Hill
  2. J. Holt
  3. G. Thomas
  4. D. Bevan
  5. K. Hayden
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**Leisure and Libraries Strategic Group**

1. Leader of the Council (Chair)
2. Executive Member - Education

**Grants Working Group**

**16 Members - Proportionality 9:5:2**

***\* Plus 1 Member from each Ward on a political proportionality basis.***

1. Councillor L. Parsons (Llanhilleth Ward)
  2. N. Daniels (Abertillery Ward)
  3. L. Elias (Brynmaur Ward)
  4. T. Sharrem (Cwmtillery Ward)
  5. L. Winnett (Blaina Ward)
  6. G. Thomas (Beaufort Ward)
  7. G. Paulsen (Badminton Ward)
  8. G. L. Davies (Cwm Ward)
  9. M. Cross (Sirhowy Ward)
  10. D. Hancock (Six Bells Ward)
  11. K. Pritchard (Ebbw Vale South Ward)
  12. B. Summers (Ebbw Vale North Ward)
  13. M. Moore (Tredegar Central and West Ward)
  14. J. C. Morgan (Georgetown Ward)
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15. D. Wilkshire (Rassau Ward)

16. K. Rowson (Nantyglo Ward)

**Advisory Panel for the Appointment of Local Authority  
Governors'**

**1. Executive Member – Education (Chair)**

Councillor J. Collins

2. Councillor D. Bevan

3. Councillor J. Holt

4. Councillor C. Meredith

5. Councillor J. C. Morgan

6. Councillor H. Trollope

**Substitutes:**

1. Councillor M. Cook

2. Councillor B. Summers

3. Councillor T. Smith

4. Councillor D. Wilkshire

Observer: ***A representative of the Blaenau Gwent  
School Governors' Association (BGSGA)***

**Destination Management Group (1 representative from  
each valley)**

1. Councillor G. A. Davies

2. Councillor M. Moore

3. Councillor L. Parsons

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### **Digital Inclusion**

1. Councillor J. Holt
2. Councillor H. Trollope

### **Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee**

1. Councillor K. Rowson

### **Community Asset Transfer Steering Group**

1. Executive Member – Environment  
Councillor J. Wilkins

### **Tredegar Heritage Initiative**

1. Councillor D. Davies
2. Councillor M. Moore
3. Councillor M. Cross
4. Councillor H. Trollope
5. Councillor J. C. Morgan

Tredegar Town Council Representative – T. Smith

### **Cost Pressure Sub-Group**

1. Leader of the Council/Executive Member – Corporate Services  
Councillor N. Daniels
  2. Deputy Leader of the Council/Executive Member Regeneration & Economic Development  
Councillor D. Davies
  3. Executive Member – Social Services  
Councillor J. Mason
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4. Executive Member – Education  
Councillor J. Collins
  5. Executive Member – Environment  
Councillor J. Wilkins
  6. Chair – Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor S. Healy
  7. Vice-Chair – Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor M. Cook

### **Blaenau Gwent Enterprise Board**

1. Leader or Deputy Leader
2. Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development
3. Corporate Director of Regeneration & Community Services

### **Corporate Parenting Board**

1. Executive Member – Social Services  
Councillor J. Mason
2. Chair of Social Services Scrutiny Committee  
Councillor S. Thomas
3. Councillor J. Holt
4. Councillor K. Rowson
5. Councillor D. Bevan

### **Resettlement Programme**

1. Councillor J. Mason
  2. Councillor J. Collins
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	<p>3. Councillor G. A. Davies</p> <p>4. Councillor H. McCarthy</p> <p>5. Councillor H. Trollope</p> <p><b><u>MEMBERS' CHAMPIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Community Safety</u></b> Councillor C. Meredith</p> <p><b><u>Children &amp; Young People</u></b> Councillor J. P. Morgan</p> <p><b><u>Older Persons</u></b> Councillor K. Rowson</p> <p><b><u>Equalities and Diversity</u></b> Councillor M. Moore</p> <p><b><u>Armed Forces</u></b> Councillor B. Thomas</p> <p><b><u>Natural Environment &amp; Biodiversity</u></b> Councillor L. Parsons</p> <p><b><u>Digital Champion</u></b> Councillor J. Holt</p> <p><b>LEAD MEMBER(S)</b></p> <p><b><u>Lead Member - Safeguarding</u></b> Executive Member - Social Services</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p><b><u>COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE ON OTHER BODIES</u></b></p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously, RESOLVED that the following be appointed:-</p>	

**Adult Learning Wales (formerly Workers' Educational Association Wales, YMCA Wales Community Council)**

Scrutiny Chair – Education & Learning

**Age Concern Gwent – Executive Committee Membership**

Executive Member – Social Services

**The Alliance**

Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development

Scrutiny Chair – Regeneration

**Aneurin Bevan Community Council – Local Committee**

1. Councillor J. Millard
2. **Vacancy**
3. **Vacancy**

**Aneurin Bevan Health Board – Independent Review Panel to meet Continuing Health Care Needs**

Scrutiny Chair – Social Services

**Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – Stakeholder Reference Group**

Executive Member – Social Services

**Aneurin Leisure Trust**

Councillor W. Hodgins  
Councillor S. Healy

**Aneurin Leisure Trust – Community Chest Panel**

Councillor M. Cook

**Brecon Beacons National Park – National Park Authority & Site Visits**

Councillor J. Hill

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**Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Regional Scrutiny Committee**

Chair of Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

*Substitute:* Scrutiny Vice-Chair of Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

**Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Cabinet**

Leader of the Council

**CSC (Compound Semi-Conductor Board Part of the IQE Investment through City Deal)**

Deputy Leader/Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development

Executive Member – Environment

**Duke of Beaufort's Breconshire Estate Commoner's Association**

Councillor B. Thomas

**EAS - Education Achievement Service for South East Wales**

Executive Member – Environment

**Substitute:** Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development

**EAS – Joint Executive Group**

Executive Member – Education

**EAS – Audit and Risk Assurance Committee**

Councillor S. Healy

Councillor M. Cook

**G.A.V.O. – Executive Committee & Local Committee**

Executive Member – Social Services – Councillor J. Mason

**G.A.V.O. - Be Proud of your Community Gwent Awards (Formerly - Gwent Best Kept Village Committee)**

Councillor L. Parsons

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**Greater Gwent Cremation Joint Committee**

Scrutiny Chair – Community Services  
Councillor M. Moore

*Substitute:* Scrutiny Vice-Chair – Community Services  
Councillor C. Meredith

**Gwent Archives Joint Committee**

Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic  
Development  
Councillor J. Millard

**Gwent Police Crime Panel**

**(formerly Gwent Police Authority)**

Councillor C. Meredith  
Councillor L. Winnett

**Gwent Regional Partnership Board**

Executive Member – Social Services

**Heads of the Valleys Programme Board**

Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic  
Development

**Joint Council for Wales Employers Side**

Executive Member – Corporate Services

**Monmouth School Farm Endowment Trust**

Councillor B. Thomas

**National Adoption Service Governance Board**

Executive Member – Social Services

**PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee**

Scrutiny Chair – Community Services  
Councillor M. Moore  
Sub:- Scrutiny Vice-Chair - Community Services  
Councillor C. Meredith

**Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Wales –  
Local Government Representation**

Councillor B. Thomas

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**Rural Development Programme - Local Action Group**

Councillor G. L. Davies

**Silent Valley Waste Services Ltd**

**Non Executive**

Councillors M. Cook & B. Summers

**Shareholder Representatives**

Leader of the Council

Executive Member - Environment

**SRS Strategic Board**

Councillor J. Wilkins

**South Wales Fire Authority**

Councillor W. Hodgins

**South East Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party**

Executive Member – Environment

**Tai Calon Board**

Councillor M. Day

Councillor G. A. Davies

**Vision in Wales (formerly Wales Council for the Blind)**

Executive Member – Social Services

Scrutiny Chair – Social Services

**Welsh Local Government Association**

Leader of the Council

**WLGA Executive Board**

Leader of the Council

**WLGA Council and Voting**

Leader of the Council

*Substitute:-* Deputy Leader of the Council

**WLGA – All Wales Social Services Policy Group**

Executive Member – Social Services

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**WLGA – Environment Champion**

Executive Member – Environment

**WLGA – Officer Appointment – Finance Working Group**

Chief Officer Resources – Rhian Hayden

**WLGA Corporate Affairs – Public Private Partnership Ltd – Management Board**

Executive Member – Corporate Services

**WLGA – Cultural Affairs & Leisure – South Wales Regional Committee**

Executive Member – Environment

**Wales Council for the Deaf**

Executive Member – Social Services

**Welsh Joint Education Committee**

Executive Member – Education

**Youth Offending Service Local Management Board – Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly**

Executive Member – Social Services

**LEA REPRESENTATION ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

**Abertillery 3-16 Learning Community**

Daryl Tovey

Mr Richard Bevan

Councillor Nigel Daniels

Councillor Martin Cook

Jack Newton

**All Saints R.C. Primary**

Mrs Pat Mitchell

Mr Nigel Price

**Beaufort Hill Primary**

Mr. Roy Lynch

**Vacancy**

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**Blaen-y-Cwm Primary**

Councillor Lyn Elias  
Ms Natasha Tepielow

**Vacancy**

**Vacancy**

**Bryn Bach Primary**

Ms. Gemma Badham  
Councillor Malcolm Cross  
Mrs Diane Rowberry

**Brynmawr Foundation**

Ms Stephanie Hopkins  
Councillor John Hill

**Canolfan Yr Afon**  
**(The River Centre)**

Richard Crook  
Lee Powell  
Jan English

**Coed-y-Garn Primary**

Councillor Keri Rowson  
Mr. Kenneth Jones

**Vacancy**

**Cwm Primary**

Councillor Derrick Bevan  
Mrs Kathryn Cross  
Ms. Natalie Marshall

**Deighton Primary Tredegar**

Councillor Haydn Trollope  
Jaqueline Thomas  
Delyth Pearsall

**Ebbw Fawr Learning Community**

Councillor Jonathan Millard  
Mrs Gina Taylor  
Councillor Clive Meredith  
Councillor Dai Davies

**Vacancy**

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**Georgetown Primary**

**Tredegar**

Councillor Mandy Moore  
Councillor John C. Morgan  
Ms Donna Hardman

**Glanhowy Primary,**

**Tredegar**

Miss Joanne Davies  
Councillor Tommy Smith  
Ms. Tara Lane

**Glyncoed Primary**

Ms. Andrea C. Roberts  
Mr. Mostyn I. Smith  
Councillor C. Meredith

**Penycwm Special**

Hannah Williams  
Mrs Jennifer Morgan  
Tim Baxter

**Rhos-y-Fedwen Primary**

Councillor D. Wilkshire  
Councillor G. A. Davies  
Councillor P. Edwards

**Sofrydd Primary**

Mrs Gill Clark  
Debra Fields  
Sian Barrett

**St. Illtyd's Primary**

Mrs Keri Jones  
Lucy Allsopp  
Councillor Joanne Collins

**St. Joseph's R.C. Primary**

Councillor Malcolm Cross

**St Mary's Brynmawr CIW Primary**

Claire Gardner

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**St. Mary's RC Primary Brynmawr**

Mrs Angela Davies

**Vacancy**

**Tredegar Comprehensive**

Councillor John C. Morgan

Councillor Haydn Trollope

Mr Adrian Tuck

Ms. Melanie Rogers

Mr. Andrew Pearsall

**Willowtown Primary**

**Vacancy**

Councillor David C. Davies

Mrs Sian Barrett

**Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg, Blaina**

Councillor John Hill

Councillor Peter Baldwin

Mrs Tracey Dyson

**Ystruth Primary**

Councillor Mrs. Lisa Winnett

Councillor Garth Collier

Kerys Beese

13.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2021 CHANGES**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance.

The Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance advised that the report outlined some of the mandatory legislative changes pertaining to the functions and name of the Audit Committee that were required to be introduced as part of the new Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021.

It was noted that the new function relating to 'complaints' referred to service related complaints, any code of conduct complaints still remained under the remit of the Standards Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously

RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing, that the report be accepted and the information which related to the mandatory changes brought about from a change in the legislation be noted, namely:

- **Change of Name** – The Audit Committee would now be referred to as the Governance and Audit Committee.
- **Additional Functions** – The functions/terms of reference of the Committee would be widened to include complaints and a new performance and governance regime.

This would result in the Governance and Audit Committee receiving new statutory powers to:

- Review and assess the authority's ability to handle complaints effectively.
- Make reports and recommendations in relation to the authority's ability to handle complaints effectively.

In addition to the above there were a number of other obligations placed upon the Council as part of Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 which come into force in May 2022. It was asked that the Council note these in readiness.

The changes to the Governance and Audit Committee in May 2022 would be as follows:

- Obligated to advertise and undertake a recruitment and selection exercise for all lay members.
- The Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee would now need to be a lay person.
- One third of Members of the Committee must be lay persons.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Chair must not be a member of the Local Authority's Executive or an assistant to its Executive.</li> </ul> <p>It was acknowledged that the Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's Governance and Audit Committee currently already complied with 3 of these intended changes. However, in order to comply with the membership requirement that a third of members must be lay persons a recruitment process would be initiated in Autumn 2021 in order to be prepared and further reports submitted to Council.</p>	
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b><u>ANNUAL CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2021/2022</u></b></p> <p>Members considered the joint officers' report.</p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Option 1 be endorsed, namely that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The proposed annual cycle of meetings 2021/2022 attached at Appendix 1 be approved.</li> <li>(ii) The decision making process to deal with any urgent business during the August recess be approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Leader and Deputy Leader in conjunction with appropriate Executive Members and Officers deal with any urgent items from 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 (i.e. a Special Meeting of the Executive would be convened at short notice recognising that the matter was urgent and the call-in procedure would apply). The Managing Director / Head of Paid Service in conjunction with the Leadership would determine if a matter was urgent; and</li> <li>b. decisions should be limited to urgent matters and recorded on a decision schedule presented to the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>next Ordinary Meeting of the Council. No controversial or sensitive matters should be dealt with during this period.</p>	
15.	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to:</p> <p><b><u>Advisory Panel for Local Authority School Governors</u></b></p> <p>The following recommendations were made by the Panel on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 to appoint:</p> <p><b>Blaen-y-Cwm Primary School</b> – Councillor L. Elias</p> <p><b>River Centre</b> - Richard Crook</p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,</p> <p>RESOLVED that the above appointments be endorsed.</p>	