

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2022

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

**PRESENT: Leader/
Executive Member - Corporate Overview & Performance
Councillor S. Thomas**

**Deputy Leader/
Executive Member – Place & Environment
Councillor H. Cunningham**

**Executive Member – Place & Regeneration
Councillor J.C. Morgan**

**Executive Member – People & Education
Councillor S. Edmunds**

WITH:
Interim Chief Executive
Corporate Director Education
Interim Corporate Director Social Services
Chief Officer Resources
Head of Regeneration
Head of Governance and Partnership
Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance
Service Manager Development and Estates
Team Leader Estates
Press Officer

DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
No. 1	<u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u> It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.
No. 2	<u>APOLOGIES</u> The following apologies for absence were received:- Councillor H. Trollope, Executive Member – People & Social Services Chief Officer Commercial
No. 3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> There were no declarations of interest or dispensations raised.
	<u>MINUTES</u>
No. 4	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u> Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 13 th July, 2022. RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

	<u>GENERAL MATTERS</u>
No. 5	<p><u>CONFERENCES, COURSES, EVENTS AND INVITATIONS</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the following:-</p> <p><u>Gwent Police Cadets Pass Out Parade and Awards Ceremony</u> <u>8th August, 2022</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor C. Smith, Presiding Member be approved to attend.</p> <p><u>Leadership Programme for Councillors in Wales 2022/2023</u> <u>14th – 15th January, 2023 - Module 1</u> <u>11th – 12th February, 2023 - Module 2</u> <u>4th – 5th March, 2023 - Module 3</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that the following Members be approved to attend:-</p> <p>Councillor T. Smith, Chair of the People Scrutiny Committee; and Councillor S. Edmunds, Executive Member People & Education</p>
	<u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 6	<p><u>PROPOSED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Democratic & Scrutiny Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Forward Work Programme for Executive Committee for 2022/23 be approved.</p>

No. 7

GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS

Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources. The following grants to organisation were received following the publication of the report:-

ABERTILLERY

Abertillery & Six Bells Ward – Councillor K. Chaplin

1.	Abertillery Museum	£100
2.	Ebenezer Baptist Church	£100
3.	The Scout Association	£100
4.	Falcon Martial Arts	£100
5.	Pant y Pwdyn Allotments	£100

Abertillery & Six Bells Ward – Councillor J. Holt

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Cwmtillery Ward – Councillors M. Day & J. Wilkins

1.	Abertillery Excelsiors	£250
2.	Abertillery BG RFC	£250
3.	Abertillery Bowls	£200
4.	Abertillery Netball	£200
5.	Abertillery Belles FC	£250
6.	Abertillery Museum	£100
7.	Abertillery Piranhas	£150
8.	Penref Tyleri	£150
9.	Abertillery Cricket Club	£100
10.	Six Bells Bowls	£100
11.	Falcon Martial Arts	£100
12.	Six Bells Tennis Club	£100
13.	Old Tylerian RFC	£150
14.	Blaentillery Allotments	£100
15.	Abertillery Scouts	£100
16.	Blaenau Gwent Food Bank	£140
17.	Royal British Legion Abertillery Branch	£100

Llanhilleth Ward - Councillor N. Parsons

1.	Llanhilleth RFC	£200
2.	Sofrydd Social Club	£100

	<p><u>Llanhilleth Ward - Councillor H. Cunningham</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aberbeeg Tenants & Residents Association £250 2. Llanhilleth Miners Institute £250 3. Sofrydd Social Club £150 <p><u>BRYNMAWR</u></p> <p><u>Brynmawr Ward - Councillor J. Gardner</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Falcon Martial Arts £350 <p><u>Brynmawr Ward – Councillor J. Hill</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abertillery Piranhas £150 <p><u>EBBW VALE</u></p> <p><u>Ebbw Vale South Ward - Councillor S. Edmunds</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ebbw Valley Brass £200 <p><u>Cwm Ward - Councillors D. Bevan & G. Humphries</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Cwm Institute £200 2. Cwm Carnival Committee £200 <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing, that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>
	<p><u>PEOPLE AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIO</u></p>
<p>No. 8</p>	<p><u>HOME TO SCHOOL AND POST 16 TRANSPORT POLICY REVIEW 2023 – 2024</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and the Executive approved the Home to School and Post 16 Transport Policy 2023/24 as detailed in Appendix 1 (Option 1).</p>

	<p><u>PEOPLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO</u></p>
No. 9	<p><u>PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP A BUSINESS CASE FOR CHILDREN’S RESIDENTIAL PROVISION IN BLAENAU GWENT</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and that the Executive agreed to the development of a business case to deliver local authority residential placements for children looked after; and to enter into a collaborative arrangement with a neighbouring authority for them to provide the management, staffing and oversight required to provide quality residential care for our children looked after. This would reduce our reliance on private childcare providers, provide care closer to home for our children looked after and remove the profit element included within the current charges made by private providers. (Option 1)</p>
No. 10	<p><u>PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2022-2025</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Services Manager Children’s Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and the Executive noted the Play Sufficiency Assessment report and associated documents and agree the key priorities/actions. (Option 1)</p>
No. 11	<p><u>CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2022</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Services Manager Children’s Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and the Executive approved the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan 2022 be submitted to Welsh Government. (Option 1)</p>

	<u>MONITORING ITEMS</u>
	<u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 12	<p><u>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING - 2022/2023, FORECAST OUTTURN TO 31ST MARCH 2023 (AS AT 30TH JUNE 2022)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Executive:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved the budget virements, detailed in paragraph 5.1.14 & Appendix 4, in excess of £250,000 in line with the constitution; and • note the application of reserves.
No. 13	<p><u>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, FORECAST FOR 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR (AS AT 30 JUNE 2022)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Executive agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the continued support to the appropriate financial control procedures agreed by Council; and • noted the budgetary control and monitoring procedures in place within the Capital & Corporate Team, to safeguard Authority funding.
	<u>PEOPLE AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 14	<p><u>SUMMARY SELF-EVALUATION REPORT 2022</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and the Executive agreed the report as presented, whilst also acknowledging that effective self-evaluation was an on-going process. (Option 1)</p>

PLACE AND REGENERATION PORTFOLIO

No. 15 **LAND AT RASSAU**

Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

Consideration was given to report of the Head of Regeneration.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information which contained details relating to the business/financial affairs of persons other than the Authority be agreed. (Option 1)
