

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO:** **THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
CORPORATE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT:** **CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022**

**REPORT OF:** **DEMOCRATIC OFFICER**

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**PRESENT:** COUNCILLOR J. WILKINS (CHAIR)

Councillors C. Bainton  
G. Humphreys  
E. Jones  
R. Leadbeater  
C. Smith  
J. Thomas

**WITH:** Interim Chief Executive  
Corporate Director of Education  
Chief Officer Resources  
Head of Democratic Services, Governance &  
Partnerships  
Service Manager – Customer Experience &  
Transformation  
Communications & Marketing Manager  
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>No. 1</b>	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	
<b>No. 2</b>	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  There were no apologies for absence reported.	

<p><b>No. 3</b></p>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.</p>	
<p><b>No. 4</b></p>	<p><b><u>CORPORATE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously AGREED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
<p><b>No. 5</b></p>	<p><b><u>ACTION SHEET – CORPORATE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Action Sheet of the Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
<p><b>No. 6</b></p>	<p><b><u>ACTION SHEET – JOINT BUDGET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Action Sheet of the Joint Budget Scrutiny Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
<p><b>No. 7</b></p>	<p><b><u>TIMING OF MEETINGS SURVEY RESULTS</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously AGREED that the report be accepted and Option 1 be endorsed, namely that Corporate and Performance Scrutiny Committees be held on a Thursday at the preferred time of 9.30am for the</p>	

	Agenda Management Discussion, the formal meeting commencing at 10.00am.	
<b>No. 8</b>	<p><b><u>PROPOSED SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously AGREED that the report be accepted, and Option 1 be endorsed, namely that the Forward Work Programme for the Corporate and Performance Scrutiny Committee be agreed.</p>	
<b>No. 9</b>	<p><b><u>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING - 2022/2023, FORECAST OUTTURN TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2023 (AS AT 30TH JUNE 2022)</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>It was noted that Appendix 4 had been omitted from the agenda but had been circulated prior to the commencement of the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted, and Option 1 be endorsed, namely:-</p> <p>a) the appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report had been provided;</p> <p>b) recommended Approval of the budget virements as detailed in paragraph 5.1.14 &amp; Appendix 4, in excess of £250,000 in line with the constitution be approved; and</p> <p>c) the application of reserves be noted.</p>	
<b>No. 10</b>	<p><b><u>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, FORECAST FOR 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR (AS AT 30 JUNE 2022)</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p>	

The Committee unanimously AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted, and Option 1 be endorsed, namely:-

- a) the appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report had been provided;
- b) appropriate financial control procedures agreed by Council continued to be supported; and
- c) the budgetary control and monitoring procedures in place within the Capital & Corporate Team, to safeguard Authority funding be noted.