

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

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> |
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| No. 1 | <p data-bbox="268 412 847 450"><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></p> <p data-bbox="268 499 1469 577">It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p> |
| No. 2 | <p data-bbox="268 629 496 667"><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p data-bbox="268 712 1134 750">The following apologies for absence were received:-</p> <p data-bbox="268 795 1422 884">Councillor H. Trollope, Executive Member – People & Social Services Chief Officer Commercial</p> |
| No. 3 | <p data-bbox="268 934 1230 972"><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p data-bbox="268 1016 1305 1055">There were no declarations of interest or dispensations raised.</p> |
| | <p data-bbox="268 1149 440 1187"><u>MINUTES</u></p> |
| No. 4 | <p data-bbox="268 1240 719 1279"><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p data-bbox="268 1323 1469 1402">Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 13th July, 2022.</p> <p data-bbox="268 1447 1469 1525">RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p> |

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| | <p><u>GENERAL MATTERS</u></p> |
| 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> |
| | <p><u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u></p> |
| 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> |

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**

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| 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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| 1. | Pant y Pwdyn Allotments | £100 |
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Cwmtillery Ward – Councillors M. Day & J. Wilkins

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| 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

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

Llanhilleth Ward - Councillor H. Cunningham

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| 1. | Aberbeeg Tenants & Residents Association | £250 |
| 2. | Llanhilleth Miners Institute | £250 |
| 3. | Sofrydd Social Club | £150 |

BRYNMAWR

Brynmawr Ward - Councillor J. Gardner

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| 1. | Falcon Martial Arts | £350 |
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Brynmawr Ward – Councillor J. Hill

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| 1. | Abertillery Piranhas | £150 |
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EBBW VALE

Ebbw Vale South Ward - Councillor S. Edmunds

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| 1. | Ebbw Valley Brass | £200 |
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Cwm Ward - Councillors D. Bevan & G. Humphries

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| 1. | New Cwm Institute | £200 |
| 2. | Cwm Carnival Committee | £200 |

RESOLVED accordingly.

FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing, that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.

PEOPLE AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIO

No. 8

**HOME TO SCHOOL AND
POST 16 TRANSPORT POLICY REVIEW 2023 – 2024**

Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education.

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).

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| | <u>PEOPLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO</u> |
| No. 9 | <u>PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP A BUSINESS CASE FOR CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL PROVISION IN BLAENAU GWENT</u> Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services. 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) |
| No. 10 | <u>PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2022-2025</u> Consideration was given to report of the Services Manager Children's Services. 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) |
| No. 11 | <u>CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2022</u> Consideration was given to report of the Services Manager Children's Services. 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) |

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| | <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)
