

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

**SUBJECT: CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
23rd SEPTEMBER, 2022**

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR J. WILKINS (CHAIR)

Councillors J. Thomas (Vice-Chair)

C. Bainton

M. Day

G. Humpreys

E. Jones

R. Leadbeater

T. Smith

C. Smith

WITH: Interim Corporate Director Social Services
Head of Regeneration
Chief Officer Resources
Head of Community Services
Head of Organisational Development
Head of Governance and Partnerships
Service Manager – Customer Experience & Transformation
Scrutiny and Democratic Officer
Press Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
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>	

	<p>The following apologies for absence were received:-</p> <p>Corporate Director Education Head of School Improvement Strategic Education Improvement Manager Service Manager Inclusion</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>DISCRETIONARY COST OF LIVING SCHEME</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>A Member proposed an amendment to the recommendation that £30,000 be provided to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank as the main recipient and a discretionary fund of £70,000 be established to allow other food distribution groups/organisations to apply for funding from the Council to assist in delivering work within their respective communities.</p> <p>This proposal was seconded and agreed.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and proposed the Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme and suggest amendments to Council prior to adoption of the scheme (Option 2).</p>	
No. 5	<p><u>SICKNESS ABSENCE PERFORMANCE 2021/22</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend, that the report be accepted and the Scrutiny Committee endorsed the report and the ongoing actions to support improvement in attendance.</p>	