

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: CABINET – 26TH OCTOBER, 2022

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

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

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

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

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

WITH: Interim Chief Executive
Corporate Director Education
Interim Corporate Director Social Services
Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services
Chief Officer Resources
Chief Officer Customer & Commercial
Head of Organisational Development
Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance
Service Manager Infrastructure
Communications, Marketing and Customer
Access Manager
Marketing & Communications Projects 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> Apologies for absence were received for Councillor H. Trollope, Cabinet Member People & Social Services.
No. 3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.
	<u>GENERAL MATTERS</u>
No. 4	<u>CONFERENCES, COURSES, EVENTS AND INVITATIONS</u> Consideration was given to the following: <u>Wales and the Battle of Britain Historical Exhibition - Monday, 10th October, 2022</u> RESOLVED that Councillor D. Bevan, Armed Forces Champion be approved to attend. <u>Annual Briefing, HMS CAMBRIA – Thursday, 20th October, 2022.</u> RESOLVED that Councillor D. Bevan, Armed Forces Champion be approved attend. <u>GAVO Awards - 25th October, 2022</u>

	RESOLVED that Councillor C. Smith, Presiding Member be approved to attend.
	<u>MINUTES</u>
No. 5	<p><u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Decisions of the Executive Committee held on 21st September, 2022.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
	<u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 6	<p><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 7TH DECEMBER, 2022</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 the Meeting on 7th December 2022 be approved as presented.</p>
No. 7	<p><u>SICKNESS ABSENCE PERFORMANCE 2021/22</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Cabinet agree the ongoing actions to support improvement in attendance. (Option 2)</p>
No. 8	<p><u>THE ANNUAL LETTER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES 2021/2022</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance.</p> <p>RESOVLED that the report be accepted and the Cabinet was informed of the Council's performance with regard to complaints made to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, and that the report has been</p>

	referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for assurance that the process for the monitoring of complaints is robust and the performance information provided reflects these practices. (Option 1)
	<u>PEOPLE AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 9	<u>STATUTORY MAINTAINED SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT</u> Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Education. RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information in the report and appendices be noted. (Option 1)
No. 10	<u>REVIEW OF INCLUSION/ALN STRATEGIES, POLICIES AND PRACTICES</u> Consideration was given to the joint report of the Corporate Director of Education and the Head of School Improvement & Inclusion. RESOLVED that the report and attached strategies/policies be accepted as presented. (Option 1)
No. 11	<u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u> Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education. RESOLVED that the report be accepted as provided. (Option 1)
	<u>PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 12	<u>REVIEW OF HIGHWAY CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2017 – 2022</u> Consideration was given to report of the Head of Community Services. RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Option 2b be approved, namely that in the event that funding does become available the following options be proposed: -

Option 2a: Highest Priority Classified Roads (ranked in order of priority) Estimated Total Cost £500,000

1. A467 Warm Turn Carriageway Resurfacing £75k
2. Tafarnaubach Ind Est (Top Road) Resurfacing £175k
3. Blaenant Ind Est Roundabout Resurfacing £75k
4. Big Arch / Steelworks Road / GO Resurfacing £50k
5. A4046 - Waun-Y-Pound Road, Ebbw Vale £25k
6. College Road, Ebbw Vale £100k

Option 2b - as Option 2a plus 5 worst Residential Roads & Other Highway Related Works – Estimated Total Cost £1,000,000

Residential Roads: 5no priority residential roads £350k
Other Highway Related Works: -

- Crash Barriers £50k
- Road Markings, signs and bollards £35k
- Speed Humps £50k
- Traffic Order Reviews £15k

Options 2a & 2b may vary subject to the level of available funding that may be made available.

JOINT PORTFOLIO - PEOPLE & SOCIAL SERVICES/PEOPLE & EDUCATION

No. 13 CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING PERFORMANCE REPORT, INCLUDING INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICES 1ST APRIL TO 30TH JUNE 2022 AND EDUCATION SUMMER TERM-2022

Consideration was given to joint report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services and Corporate Director of Education.

RESOLVED that the approach and information detailed in the report be accepted. (Option 1)
