

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
- 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor W. Hodgins (CHAIR)  
Councillors P. Baldwin (Vice-Chair)  
K. Chaplin  
D. Davies  
E. Jones  
J. Holt (*substituting for L. Parsons*)  
C. Smith  
L. Winnett

**WITH:** Corporate Director of Education  
Interim Corporate Director of Social Services  
Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services  
Head of School Improvement & Inclusion  
Service Manager - Customer Experience & Benefits  
Partnership Lead  
Professional Lead Community Safety  
Policy Officer  
Scrutiny Officer

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></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.	

No. 2	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were reported for Councillors L. Parsons, D. Woods, the Head of Governance &amp; Partnerships and the Chief Officer Commercial.</p>	
No. 3	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
No. 4	<p><b><u>PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 were submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
No. 5	<p><b><u>ACTION SHEET – PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2022</u></b></p> <p>The Action sheet arising from the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 was submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
No. 6	<p><b><u>TIMING OF MEETINGS SURVEY RESULTS</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the Agenda Management Discussion be held at 9.00 am, with the formal meeting commencing at 9.30 am. (Option 2)</p>	
No. 7	<p><b><u>PROPOSED SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED the Forward Work Programme for</p>	

	the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee. (Option 1)	
<b>No. 8</b>	<p><b><u>STATUTORY MAINTAINED SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Strategic Education Improvement Manager.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and provided comments to further the development of the Statutory Partnership Agreement and in doing so, influence the way in which the LA works with schools and Governing bodies, for approval by the Executive Committee. (Option 1)</p>	
<b>No. 9</b>	<p><b><u>NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WELSH (LOCAL AUTHORITY) ADOPTION AND FOSTERING SERVICES</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and approved (Option 1), namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend to Council to adopt the proposals for developing the governance arrangements for the National Adoption Service for Wales, as it assumes responsibility for Foster Wales; and</li> <li>• Confirm support for the Joint Committee Agreement for the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales and for the authority to sign the agreement.</li> <li>• Via their Membership Report, Council to formally nominate the representative from Blaenau Gwent to sit the Joint Committee.</li> </ul>	
<b>No. 10</b>	<b><u>CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN FOR</u></b>	

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Consideration was given to report of the Partnership Lead.

The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and approved (Option 2), namely:

- i. Considered the draft Gwent Well-being Plan;
- ii. Provided additional comments as part of the consultation; and
- iii. Recommended comments to the Gwent PSB for consideration as their response as a statutory consultee.