

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

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

**SUBJECT:** **CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

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

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

Councillors J. Thomas (Vice-Chair)

C. Bainton

M. Day

G. Humprheys

E. Jones

R. Leadbeater

C. Smith

T. Smith

**WITH:** Interim Chief Executive  
Chief Officer Resources  
Corporate Director Education  
Interim Corporate Director Social Services  
Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services  
Head of Organisational Development  
Head of Governance and Partnerships  
Head of Community Services  
Professional Lead for Engagement, Equalities and Welsh Language  
Service Manager Policy and Partnerships  
Scrutiny and Democratic Officer

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</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>

	No apologies for absence were received.
<b>No. 3</b>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>
<b>No. 4</b>	<p><b><u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
<b>No. 5</b>	<p><b><u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2022.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
<b>No. 6</b>	<p><b><u>ACTION SHEET</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Action Sheet.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>
<b>No. 7</b>	<p><b><u>FORECAST OUTTURN TO 31ST MARCH 2023 (AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022)</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and Members provided the appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report and noted the forecast application of reserves (Option 1).</p>
<b>No. 8</b>	<b><u>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING,</u></b>

	<p><b><u>FORECAST FOR 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR (AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022)</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the appropriate challenge was provided to the financial outcomes in the report. The Scrutiny Committee continued to support appropriate financial control procedures agreed by Council and noted the budgetary control and monitoring procedures in place within the Capital Team, to safeguard Authority funding (Option 1).</p>
<p><b>No. 9</b></p>	<p><b><u>WORKFORCE STRATEGY 2021-2026</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the progress against the 2021/22 delivery plan was noted and endorsed the 2022/23 delivery plan (Option 1).</p>
<p><b>No. 10</b></p>	<p><b><u>REVIEW OF THE FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Service Manager Performance and Democratic.</p> <p>A Member proposed that future Finance and Performance Reports be presented on a quarterly basis for a trial period. This proposal was seconded and AGREED by the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and provided suggestions to the content of the Finance and Performance Report in order to make it more efficient and effective as a management tool, noting the inclusion of information as identified at 2.7 to 2.10, for approval at Cabinet (Option 1).</p>
<p><b>No. 11</b></p>	<p><b><u>WELSH LANGUAGE PROMOTION STRATEGY 2022/27</u></b></p>

	<p>Consideration was given to the report of the Professional Lead for Engagement, Equality &amp; Welsh Language.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and recommend to Cabinet to approve the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy 2022-27 prior to its publication (Option 1).</p>
<b>No. 12</b>	<p><b><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 2ND FEBRUARY 2023</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the Scrutiny Committee agreed the Forward Programme for the meeting 2nd February 2023, as presented (Option 2).</p>