

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

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

**SUBJECT: PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
- 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022**

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

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**PRESENT:** Councillor T. Smith (Chair)

Councillors C. Bainton  
D. Bevan  
K. Chaplin  
G.A. Davies  
J. Holt  
G. Thomas  
D. Wilkshire

**WITH:** Corporate Director of Education  
Interim Corporate Director of Social Services  
Head of Children's Services  
Head of Governance & Partnerships  
Service Manager Education Transformation &  
Business Change  
Service Manager Children's Services  
Safeguarding in Education Officer  
Adults Service Manager for Development & Commissioning  
Press & Publicity Officer  
Communications & Policy Officer  
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer

**AND:** Councillor J. Thomas (Vice-Chair of the Corporate &  
Performance Scrutiny Committee – Item No. 6)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
No. 1	<p><b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>	
No. 2	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were reported for Councillors Jen Morgan, Rhianna Lewis (Co-opted Member), the Head of School Improvement &amp; Inclusion; and the Strategic Education Improvement Manager.</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>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The decisions of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 were submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
No. 5	<p><b><u>ACTION SHEET – PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022</u></b></p> <p>The Action sheet arising from the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, was submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
No. 6	<p><b><u>CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING PERFORMANCE REPORT, INCLUDING INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICES 1ST APRIL TO 30TH JUNE 2022 AND EDUCATION SUMMER TERM-2022</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the joint report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services and the Corporate</p>	

	<p>Director of Education.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and considered the information provided and made recommendations on where improvements could be made to the current monitoring processes for approval by the Executive Committee. (Option 2)</p>	
<b>No. 7</b>	<p><b><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as provided (Option 1).</p>	
<b>No. 8</b>	<p><b><u>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES OF THE REGIONAL INTEGRATION FUND</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 recommend the Council <i>does not accept</i> the financial liabilities and implications of the new Regional Integration Fund and its tapered funding model. (Option 2)</p>	
<b>No. 13</b>	<p><b><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny &amp; Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED the Forward Programme for the meeting 29th November, 2022, as presented. (Option 2)</p>	