

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET
SUBJECT: CABINET – 18th JANUARY, 2023
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 & Social Services
Councillor H. Trollope

WITH: Interim Corporate Director Social Services
Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services
Chief Officer Resources
Chief Officer Customer & Commercial
Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships
Head of School Improvement & Inclusion
Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance
Service Manager Performance & Democratic
Press & Publicity Officer

DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
No. 1	<p><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></p> <p>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>
No. 2	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received for Councillor S. Edmunds, Cabinet Member for People & Education; the Interim Chief Executive; the Corporate Director of Education; and the Head of Organisational Development.</p>
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>
	<p><u>DECISION SHEET</u></p>
No. 4	<p><u>CABINET</u></p> <p>To receive the decisions of Cabinet held on the 7th December, 2022.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
	<p><u>GENERAL MATTERS</u></p>
No. 5	<p><u>CONFERENCES, COURSES, EVENTS AND INVITATIONS</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the following:</p> <p><u>His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent's Awards Ceremony 2023</u> <u>9th February, 2023</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor D. Bevan, Armed Forces Champion be approved to attend.</p>

	<u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 6	<u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 1st MARCH, 2023</u> Consideration was given to report of the Democratic & Scrutiny Officer. RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Forward Work Programme for the Meeting on 1 st March, 2023 be approved as presented. (Option 1)
No. 7	<u>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING - 2022/2023, FORECAST OUTTURN TO 31ST MARCH 2023 (AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022)</u> Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources. RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Option 1 be approved, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members consider and provide appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report; and• Note the forecast application of reserves.
No. 8	<u>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, FORECAST FOR 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR (AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022)</u> Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources. RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Option 1 be approved, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report.• Continue to support appropriate financial control procedures agreed by Council.• To note the budgetary control and monitoring procedures in place within the Capital Team, to safeguard Authority funding.

<p>No. 9</p>	<p><u>REVIEW OF THE FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Performance & Democratic.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and, Option 1 be approved, with the proposal that future Finance and Performance reports be presented on a quarterly basis for a trial period.</p>
<p>No. 10</p>	<p><u>WORKFORCE STRATEGY 2021-2026</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Cabinet note the progress against the 2021/22 delivery plan and endorse the 2022/23 delivery plan. (Option 1)</p>
	<p><u>PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO</u></p>
<p>No. 11</p>	<p><u>WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING STRATEGY REVIEW</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Neighbourhood Services.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Place and Environment proposed an alternative Option 3, namely:</p> <p>That Members of the Cabinet note progress made to date, and approve the updated Waste Management and Recycling Strategy, incorporating the suggestions made by the Place Scrutiny Committee, namely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the receptacles provided to residents to ensure they are fit for purpose; and where appropriate and practical, for litter pickers to separate the waste they collect for recycling; and • That a programme of targeted engagement activity be undertaken to reach the 70% recycling target. <p>The alternative Option 3 was approved, and it was</p>

	RESOLVED accordingly.
	<u>PEOPLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 12	<p><u>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2022/2023 (QUARTERS 1 AND 2)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted as provided. (Option 2)</p>
	<u>PEOPLE AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 13	<p><u>CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SERVICES - QUARTER 1 & 2 2022</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted as provided. (Option 2)</p>
No. 14	<p><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the joint report of the Head of School Improvement and Inclusion, and the Strategic Education Improvement Manager.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted as provided. (Option 2)</p>