

**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

**Action Sheet**

**People Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action to be Taken</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
06.09.22	<b>Item 16 – Proposal to explore and develop a Business Case for Children’s Residential provision in Blaenau Gwent</b> Member Briefing Session in relation to Children Looked After and residential provision to be arranged.	Interim Corporate Director Social Services / Democratic Team	<p>A significant amount of activity is ongoing regarding identifying and pursuing a purchase of a property for the residential provision, working closely with the Estates department. Once the property is secured it will be some time before it will be ready for use as residential provision, as there will be significant adaptations required to the property to meet all the statutory regulations required by the Care Inspectorate Wales to ensure the property is fit for purpose.</p> <p>Following this there will be a recruitment exercise, and the successful appointments will undertake a thorough induction to ensure the right staff are appointed to meet those children’s needs.</p> <p>Therefore, it is anticipated that the residential provision will be operational in early Spring 2024.</p> <p>Updates will be provided to scrutiny as the work progresses and will feature in the 2023/24 Forward Work Programme.</p> <p><b>Action complete: 17.01.2023</b></p>