

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT: PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
- 17TH JANUARY, 2023**

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: Councillor T. Smith (Chair)

Councillors J. Morgan, J.P.
C. Bainton
D. Bevan
K. Chaplin
G.A. Davies

Co-Opted Youth Member

Ms. R. Lewis

WITH: Corporate Director of Education
Interim Corporate Director of Social Services
Head of Children's Services
Head of Adult Services
Head of Governance & Partnerships
Head of School Improvement & Inclusion
Service Manger Education Transformation & Business Change
Strategic Education Improvement Manager
Policy Officer Engagement & Equality
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</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 reported for Mr. Tim Baxter.</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 18th October, 2022 were submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
No. 5	<p><u>ACTION SHEET – PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18th OCTOBER, 2022</u></p> <p>The Action sheet arising from the meeting held on 18th October, 2022, was submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
No. 6	<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>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as provided (Option 2).</p>	

<p>No. 7</p>	<p><u>CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SERVICES - QUARTER 1 AND 2 2022</u></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 2).</p>	
<p>No. 8</p>	<p><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the joint report of the Head of School Improvement Inclusion and the Strategic Education Improvement Manager.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as provided (Option 2).</p>	
<p>No. 9</p>	<p><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 28TH FEBRUARY, 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny & Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The following amendments were reported:</p> <p>The Estyn Feedback report to be added, and the Safeguarding Performance Report to be removed and replaced by an end of year performance report (June 2023).</p> <p>The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing, that the Forward Programme for the meeting 28th February, 2023 be accepted (Option 1)</p>	