

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET
SUBJECT: SPECIAL CABINET – 22ND FEBRUARY, 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 Chief Executive
Interim Corporate Director Social Services
Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services
Corporate Director Education
Chief Officer Resources
Head of Partnerships and Governance
Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance
Communications, Marketing & Customer Access Manager
Head of Organisational Development
Service Manager – Policy & Partnerships
Corporate Procurement Manager
Service Manager – Customer Experience & Benefits

DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
No. 1	<u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u> It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.
No. 2	<u>APOLOGIES</u> The following apologies for absence were received from:- Councillor S. Edmunds Chief Officer Customer and Commercial
No. 3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.
<u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u>	
No. 4	<u>REVENUE BUDGET 2023/2024</u> Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources. A Leader proposed that sections 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 of Option 1 be accepted and sections 3.1.4 to 3.1.8 of Option 1 be deferred pending further consideration at the Special Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Thursday, 23 rd February, 2023. This proposal was seconded. RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members recommended to Council the 2023/24 revenue budget as detailed in the table in paragraph 5.1.15 of the report;• provided comment on the outcomes within the overall provisional RSG Settlement and noted the potential for further change in the Final RSG Settlement (paragraphs 2.6 – 2.17);

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- provided comment on the outcomes within the BGCBC provisional RSG Settlement and its impact upon the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (paragraphs 2.18 – 2.26);
 - decisions related to the updated cost pressures and growth items (£3.22m in total) identified in Appendix 2 (paragraphs 5.1.10 – 5.1.16) be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023;
 - decisions related to an uplift of £1.5m which equates to 3% increase to the ISB (paragraphs 5.1.17 to 5.1.24) be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023;
 - decisions related to the Bridging the Gap proposals delivering £4.18m of financial efficiencies and budget cuts to towards the budget gap (paragraphs 5.1.25 to 5.1.32) be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023;
 - decisions related to the use of reserves of £2.5m to balance the budget for 2023/2024 (paragraphs 5.1.33 to 5.1.35) be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023; and
 - decisions related to a Council Tax increase of 4% for 2023/24 (paragraph 5.1.7) as per the MTFs assumptions be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting of Council on 23rd February, 2023.
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