

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**  
**SUBJECT: SPECIAL CABINET – 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**  
**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**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	<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>The following apologies for absence were received from:-</p> <p>Councillor S. Edmunds Chief Officer Customer and Commercial</p>
No. 3	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>
<b><u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u></b>	
No. 4	<p><b><u>REVENUE BUDGET 2023/2024</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>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<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023. This proposal was seconded.</p> <p>RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members recommended to Council the 2023/24 revenue budget as detailed in the table in paragraph 5.1.15 of the report;</li><li>• 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);</li></ul>

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023.
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