

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT: CABINET – 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 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 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**

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

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

<p><b>No. 9</b></p>	<p><b><u>REVIEW OF THE FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Performance &amp; 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><b>No. 10</b></p>	<p><b><u>WORKFORCE STRATEGY 2021-2026</u></b></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><b><u>PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO</u></b></p>
<p><b>No. 11</b></p>	<p><b><u>WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING STRATEGY REVIEW</u></b></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"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• That a programme of targeted engagement activity be undertaken to reach the 70% recycling target.</li> </ul>

	<p>The alternative Option 3 was approved, and it was RESOLVED accordingly.</p>
	<p><b><u>PEOPLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO</u></b></p>
<b>No. 12</b>	<p><b><u>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2022/2023 (QUARTERS 1 AND 2)</u></b></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>
	<p><b><u>PEOPLE AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIO</u></b></p>
<b>No. 13</b>	<p><b><u>CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SERVICES - QUARTER 1 &amp; 2 2022</u></b></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>
<b>No. 14</b>	<p><b><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></b></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>