

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: CABINET – 18th JANUARY, 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 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

<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> 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.
No. 3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.
	<u>DECISION SHEET</u>
No. 4	<u>CABINET</u> To receive the decisions of Cabinet held on the 7 th December, 2022. RESOLVED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.
	<u>GENERAL MATTERS</u>
No. 5	<u>CONFERENCES, COURSES, EVENTS AND INVITATIONS</u> Consideration was given to the following: <u>His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent's Awards Ceremony 2023</u> <u>9th February, 2023</u> RESOLVED that Councillor D. Bevan, Armed Forces Champion be approved to attend.

	<u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 6	<p><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 1st MARCH, 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Democratic & Scrutiny Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Forward Work Programme for the Meeting on 1st March, 2023 be approved as presented. (Option 1)</p>
No. 7	<p><u>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING - 2022/2023, FORECAST OUTTURN TO 31ST MARCH 2023 (AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022)</u></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"> • Members consider and provide appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report; and • Note the forecast application of reserves.
No. 8	<p><u>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, FORECAST FOR 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR (AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022)</u></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"> • To provide appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report. • Continue to support appropriate financial control procedures agreed by Council. • To note the budgetary control and monitoring procedures in place within the Capital Team, to safeguard Authority funding.

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

	<p>The alternative Option 3 was approved, and it was RESOLVED accordingly.</p>
	<p><u>PEOPLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO</u></p>
No. 12	<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>RESOLVED that the report be accepted as provided. (Option 2)</p>
	<p><u>PEOPLE AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIO</u></p>
No. 13	<p><u>CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SERVICES - QUARTER 1 & 2 2022</u></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>
No. 14	<p><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></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>