

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

SUBJECT: CABINET – 1ST MARCH, 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
Chief Officer Resources
Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services
Corporate Director Education
Chief Officer Customer and Commercial
Children’s Services Manager
Head of Partnerships and Governance
Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance

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.

<p>No. 2</p>	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>The following apologies for absence were received from:-</p> <p>Councillor S. Edmunds; and Interim Corporate Director Social Services</p>
<p>No. 3</p>	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>
	<p><u>DECISION SHEET</u></p>
<p>No. 4</p>	<p><u>CABINET</u></p> <p>To receive the decisions of Cabinet held on the 18th January, 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
	<p><u>GENERAL MATTERS</u></p>
<p>No. 5</p>	<p><u>CONFERENCES, COURSES, EVENTS AND INVITATIONS</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the following:-</p> <p><u>Meeting & Service Requirements - Education Cabinet Members 'Spring Meeting' with MfE&WL - Residential 2023</u> <u>1st March – 3rd March, 2023</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that approval be given for Councillor S. Edmunds, Cabinet Member – People and Education to attend.</p> <p><u>2023 Royal Garden Party</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that a representative be approved to attend one of the Royal Garden Parties to be held in London on the 3rd or 9th May, 2023.</p>

	<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 19th April, 2023 be approved as presented (Option 1).</p>																		
No. 7	<p><u>DRAFT COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2023/28</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Commercial and Customer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the draft Commissioning and Procurement Strategy 2023/2028 be approved (Option 1).</p>																		
No. 8	<p><u>GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>The following grants to organisation were received further to the publication of the report:-</p> <p><u>ABERTILLERY</u></p> <p><u>Abertillery & Six Bells Ward - Councillor J. Holt</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Abertillery Workmens Institute</td> <td>£57</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Abertillery & Six Bells Ward - Councillor R. Leadbeater</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Abertillery Orpheus Male Voice Choir</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Abertillery Amateur Dramatic Musical Society</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Fion Jones</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>Abertillery Bluebirds</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.</td> <td>Ebenezer Food Cupboard</td> <td>£32</td> </tr> </table>	1.	Abertillery Workmens Institute	£57	1.	Abertillery Orpheus Male Voice Choir	£100	2.	Abertillery Amateur Dramatic Musical Society	£100	3.	Fion Jones	£100	4.	Abertillery Bluebirds	£100	5.	Ebenezer Food Cupboard	£32
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BRYNMAWR

Brynmawr Ward - Councillor J. Gardner

1.	Brynmawr Museum	£300
2.	Blaina Cricket Club	£150
3.	Falcon Martial Arts	£200
4.	Brynmawr Historical Society	£300

Brynmawr Ward - Councillor J. Hill

1.	Friends of Parc Nant Y Waun	£158
2.	BGFM	£100
3.	Ebbw Vale Works Museum	£100
4.	Brynmawr FC	£150
5.	Community Hope Project	£150
6.	Ebbw Valley Brass	£150

EBBW VALE

Beaufort Ward - Councillor C. Smith

1.	Ebbw Vale Works Museum	£200
2.	Beaufort Male Voice Choir	£280

Beaufort Ward - Councillor G. Thomas

1.	Beaufort Hearts	£130
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Cwm Ward – Councillors D. Bevan & G. Humphries

1.	Waunlwyd & Victoria Events Committee	£200
2.	Ebbw Valley Brass	£200
3.	Royal British Legion Cwm Branch	£200

Ebbw Vale North Ward - Councillor D. Davies

1.	Willowtown Primary PTA	£150
2.	EVI Pantry	£100

Ebbw Vale North Ward - Councillor J. Morgan

1.	One Life Autism	£500
2.	Tredegar Operatic Society	£200
3.	Ebbw Vale Operatic Society	£200
4.	Toppers School of Dance and Drama	£180

Ebbw Vale South Ward - Councillor C. Bainton

1.	EVI Pantry	£200
2.	Ebbw Valley Brass	£100
3.	Willowtown Primary PTA	£300
4.	A B Boxing	£200
5.	Blaenau Gwent Young Stars	£200
6.	RTB RFC	£130
7.	Glanyrafon Pensioners Hall	£100

Ebbw Vale South Ward - Councillor S. Edmunds

1.	EVI Pantry	£100
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Rassau & Garnlydan Ward - Councillor G. Davies

1.	Rhos y Fedwen Primary School	£200
2.	Acorns Nursery	£100
3.	The Owl Sanctuary	£100

Rassau & Garnlydan Ward - Councillor D. Wiltshire

1.	Garnlydan Community Spirit	£100
2.	Ebbw Vale Works Museum	£80
3.	Beaufort Male Voice Choir	£80
4.	Rassau & Beaufort Bowls	£75
5.	Rassau OAP's	£100
6.	Blaenau Gwent Young Stars	£80
7.	Puddleducks	£200
8.	Ebbw Vale Christmas Lights	£80
9.	Hospice of the Valleys	£80
10.	Rock Chapel	£80
11.	Beaufort RFC	£80
12.	Ebbw Vale Male Voice Choir	£80
13.	Rhos y Fedwen Primary School	£100
14.	Ebbw Vale Cricket Club	£80

15.	Ebbw Vale Netball	£80
16.	Blaenau Gwent Indoor Bowls	£80
17.	Garnlydan AFC	£100

NANTYGLO & BLAINA

Blaina Ward - Councillor L. Winnett

1.	Blaina Cricket Club	£100
2.	Cwmcelyn Angling Club	£100

Blaina Ward - Councillor J. Morgan

1.	Blaina Mens Bowls	£250
2.	Cwmcelyn Methodist Church	£100
3.	Cwmcelyn Angling Club	£100
4.	Aberystroth History and Archaeological Society	£80

TREDEGAR

Sirhowy Ward – Councillors M. Cross & T. Smith & D. Rowberry

1.	Tredeggar Orpheus Male Voice Choir	£100
2.	2167 Squadron Ait Training Corps	£100
3.	Tredeggar Angling Club	£100
4.	Trefil RFC	£200
5.	Trefil Junior RFC	£100
6.	Gwent Area Association Welsh Cob & Pony	£100
7.	Tredeggar Ironsides RFC	£200
8.	Sirhowy Valley Woodlands	£100
9.	Sirhowy Community Centre	£250
10.	Ystrad Deri Community Centre	£250
11.	Horeb Chapel	£50
12.	Sardis Chapel	£50
13.	Ebenezer Welsh Congregational Church	£100
14.	St George's Church	£100
15.	Immaculate Conception Church	£100
16.	Valleys Life After Stroke	£100
17.	Silurian Boxing Club	£100
18.	Tredeggar Junior Netball Club	£100
19.	Tredeggar Women's Institute	£100
20.	Oak Football Club	£100

	<p>21. Tredegar Operatic Society £100</p> <p>22. Tredegar Twinning Association £100</p> <p>23. Brynbach Running Club £100</p> <p>24. Bedwellty Park Bowls £100</p> <p>25. Siloam Chapel £100</p> <p>26. Tredegar Mayors Appeal £100</p> <p>27. Moose International Hall £100</p> <p>28. Blaenau Gwent Otters £100</p> <p>29. Tredegar AFC £100</p> <p>30. Tredegar Business Forum £100</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing, that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>	
	<u>PEOPLE AND EDUCATION PORTFOLIO</u>	
No. 9	<p><u>BLAENAU GWENT ESTYN LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION SERVICES (LGES) INSPECTION OUTCOME</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted (Option 2).</p>	
No. 10	<p><u>BLAENAU GWENT ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR NURSERY AND STATUTORY EDUCATION 2024/25</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the joint report of the Corporate Director Education, Service Manager Education Transformation and Business Change.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the policy document be approved (Option 1).</p>	

	<p align="center"><u>PEOPLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO</u></p>
<p>No. 11</p>	<p><u>REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director Social Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the programme of work by the Regional Partnership Board be supported (Option 1).</p>
	<p align="center"><u>JOINT PLACE AND REGENERATION & PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIOS</u></p>
<p>No. 12</p>	<p><u>REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services.</p> <p>The Leader noted that the Place Scrutiny Committee recommended Option 1, and that tourism in Blaenau Gwent be further developed. The Leader asked if an explanation on the specific aspect on developing tourism had been provided.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member – Place and Regeneration noted the substantive report and felt that a great deal of work was already being undertaken around tourism within the Borough and therefore proposed Option 2. The Cabinet Member – Place and Environment concurred that the report contained a great deal of information and felt that an explanation was needed on the reason why focus should be placed on tourism. The Cabinet Member – Place and Environment thereupon seconded Option 2.</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>The Leader suggested that in future Scrutiny Committees be asked to provide a more explanatory paragraph on recommendations put forward to Cabinet for Cabinet Members to be fully informed on specifics being recommended.</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p>

	<p>It was therefore</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted (Option 2).</p> <p>Councillor H. Trollope left the meeting at this juncture.</p>
	<p><u>PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO</u></p>
<p>No. 13</p>	<p><u>UPDATE CEMETERY BURIAL CAPACITY FEBRUARY 2023</u></p> <p>Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).</p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Team Manager Streetscene.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information which contained details relating to the business/financial affairs of persons other than the Authority be agreed. (Option 1)</p>

PEOPLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

No. 14 **BUSINESS CASE TO PURCHASE 2 PROPERTIES FOR USE AS RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S HOMES**

Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director Social Services.

It was proposed that Part 1 Option 1 and Part 2 Option 1 be agreed in principle subject to further discussions in connection with future valuation potential. This proposal was seconded.

RESOLVED accordingly.

FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and the information which contained details relating to the business/financial affairs of persons other than the Authority be agreed (It was proposed that Part 1 Option 1 and Part 2 Option 1 be agreed in principle subject to further discussions in connection with future valuation potential).
