

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

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

**SUBJECT: PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
- 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor T. Smith (Chair)

Councillors J. Morgan, J.P.  
C. Bainton  
D. Bevan  
K. Chaplin  
G.A. Davies

**Co-Opted Youth Member**

Ms. R. Lewis

**WITH:** Corporate Director of Education  
Interim Corporate Director of Social Services  
Head of Children's Services  
Head of Adult Services  
Head of Governance & Partnerships  
Head of School Improvement & Inclusion  
Service Manger Education Transformation & Business Change  
Strategic Education Improvement Manager  
Policy Officer Engagement & Equality  
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
No. 1	<p data-bbox="256 327 839 365"><b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="256 412 1302 490">It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>	
No. 2	<p data-bbox="256 544 483 582"><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="256 629 1193 667">Apologies for absence were reported for Mr. Tim Baxter.</p>	
No. 3	<p data-bbox="256 719 1225 757"><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="256 804 1230 842">No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
No. 4	<p data-bbox="256 893 850 931"><b><u>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="256 978 1302 1057">The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 were submitted.</p> <p data-bbox="256 1104 1302 1182">The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
No. 5	<p data-bbox="256 1238 1203 1317"><b><u>ACTION SHEET – PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2022</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="256 1364 1161 1442">The Action sheet arising from the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, was submitted.</p> <p data-bbox="256 1489 1198 1527">The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
No. 6	<p data-bbox="256 1583 1153 1662"><b><u>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2022/2023 (QUARTERS 1 AND 2)</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="256 1709 1289 1787">Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.</p> <p data-bbox="256 1834 1233 1912">The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as provided (Option 2).</p>	

<p><b>No. 7</b></p>	<p><b><u>CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SERVICES - QUARTER 1 AND 2 2022</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as provided (Option 2).</p>	
<p><b>No. 8</b></p>	<p><b><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the joint report of the Head of School Improvement Inclusion and the Strategic Education Improvement Manager.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as provided (Option 2).</p>	
<p><b>No. 9</b></p>	<p><b><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny &amp; Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The following amendments were reported:</p> <p>The Estyn Feedback report to be added, and the Safeguarding Performance Report to be removed and replaced by an end of year performance report (June 2023).</p> <p>The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing, that the Forward Programme for the meeting 28th February, 2023 be accepted (Option 1)</p>	