

**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

**Action Sheet**

**Corporate Overview and Performance Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting Date	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Action Taken
27.04.23	<p><b>Item 5 – Finance and Performance Report (up to March 2023)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 14 - The definition for 'relative poverty' and 'absolute poverty' to be provided.</li> </ul>	Service Manager Performance and Democratic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poverty Data Sources and Definitions - GOV.UK, Department of Work and Pensions – Official Statistics Children in low-income families: local area statistics, financial year ending 2021</li> <li>Information is also available on Stat-Xplore</li> <li>The statistics are calibrated to the regional Households Below Average Income (HBAI) statistics</li> <li>A family in <b>relative low</b> income, before housing costs, measures families in low income in the reference year. A family must have claimed Child Benefit and at least one other household benefit (Universal Credit, tax credits or Housing Benefit) at any point in the year to be classed as low income in these statistics.</li> <li><b>Absolute low</b> income measures families in low income based on what low income looked like in FYE 2011. Income is before housing costs and is equivalised to adjust for family size and composition. A family must have claimed Child Benefit and at least one other household benefit (Universal Credit, tax credits or Housing Benefit) at any point in the year to be classed as low income in these statistics. (see attached information)</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Complete: 27.04.23</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakdown of Census population data to be provided.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The population of <b>England and Wales</b> has increased by more than 3.5 million (6.3%) in the 10 years leading up to Census 2021.</li> <li>The total population of <b>Wales</b> grew by 1.4%, increasing by 44,000 to 3,107,500.</li> <li>In <b>Blaenau Gwent</b>, the population size has decreased by 4.2%, from around 69,800 in 2011 to 66,900 in 2021.</li> </ul>

Meeting Date	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Action Taken
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nearby areas like Monmouthshire and Torfaen have seen their populations increase by around 1.8% and 1.3%, respectively, while others such as Powys saw a smaller increase (0.2%) and Caerphilly saw a decrease of 1.6%. The largest population increases in Wales have been seen in Newport and Cardiff, where the populations have grown by 9.5% and 4.7%, respectively. At the other end of the scale, Ceredigion has seen a fall of 5.8%.</li> <li>• In 2021, Blaenau Gwent ranked 21st for total population out of 22 local authority areas in Wales, which is a fall of one place in a decade.</li> <li>• Blaenau Gwent has seen an increase of 9.0% in people aged 65 years and over, a decrease of 7.5% in people aged 15 to 64 years, and a decrease of 5.4% in children aged under 15 years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Complete: 27.04.23</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following development of the Executive Summary a link to be provided to all Members.</li> </ul>		<p>Link to be circulated to Members following development and approval of the Executive Summary.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> to be completed.</p>