

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2023**

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

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**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR J. WILKINS (CHAIR)**

Councillors J. Thomas  
J. Hill  
J. Holt  
E. Jones  
R. Leadbeater  
C. Smith  
T. Smith

**WITH:** Interim Chief Executive  
Chief Officer Resources  
Head of School Improvement  
Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships  
Head of Organisational Development  
Professional Lead for Strategic Partnerships  
Service Manager – Policy and Partnerships  
Service Manager – Performance and Democratic  
Team Leader - Partnerships  
Scrutiny and Democratic Officer  
Communications/Press Officer

<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.

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<p><b>No. 2</b></p>	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Councillor C. Bainton.</p>
<p><b>No. 3</b></p>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>
<p><b>No. 4</b></p>	<p><b><u>TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS</u></b></p> <p>The Committee AGREED the following:-</p> <p>Agenda Meeting – 9.30 a.m. Committee – 10.00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>No. 5</b></p>	<p><b><u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
<p><b>No. 6</b></p>	<p><b><u>ACTION SHEET</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Action Sheet.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the information therein be noted.</p>
<p><b>No. 7</b></p>	<p><b><u>PROPOSED SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the Forward Work Programme for the Corporate Overview and Performance Scrutiny Committee be agreed (Option 1).</p>

<b>No. 8</b>	<p data-bbox="352 197 1007 277"><b><u>BLAENAU GWENT ENGAGEMENT &amp; PARTICIPATION STRATEGY</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="352 327 1414 407">Consideration was given to the report of the Professional Lead for Strategic Partnerships.</p> <p data-bbox="352 456 1414 707">The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the planning and consultation process for a new Engagement &amp; Participation Strategy be noted and agreed to a joint Corporate Overview &amp; Performance Scrutiny and Democratic Services Committees Workshop on 18th July 2023 to shape development of the initial Strategy. (Option 1)</p>
<b>No. 9</b>	<p data-bbox="352 752 1198 792"><b><u>WELSH LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="352 842 1414 922">Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance and Partnerships.</p> <p data-bbox="352 972 1414 1133">The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the Corporate Overview and Performance Scrutiny Committee to supported the draft Welsh Language Annual Report 2022/23, as presented. (Option 1).</p>
<b>No. 10</b>	<p data-bbox="352 1184 938 1225"><b><u>FIRE SAFETY AT WORK POLICY</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="352 1274 1414 1355">Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p data-bbox="352 1404 1414 1568">The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and supported the Health and Safety compliance by recommending that Council approve the implementation of the Fire Safety Policy. (Option 1).</p>