

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

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

SUBJECT **PLANNING COMMITTEE – 6TH JULY, 2023**

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

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR LISA WINNETT (Chair)

Councillors P. Baldwin (Vice-Chair)

W. Hodgins

J. Holt

G. Humphreys

E. Jones

L. Parsons

D. Rowberry

C. Smith

J. Thomas

D. Wilkshire

WITH: Service Manager Development & Estates
Team Manager Development Management
Planning Officer (x2)
Communications, Marketing & Customer
Access Manager
Solicitor

AND: Charlotte Owen – Audit Wales

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>

	An apology for absence was received from Councillors M. Day and Jen Morgan, J.P.
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were raised.</p>
No. 4	<p><u>REVIEW OF THE PLANNING SERVICE – BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Consideration was given report Audit Wales Report.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the recommendations contained within be noted.</p>
No. 5	<p><u>DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION QUARTER 4 – JANUARY TO MARCH 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manger Development & Estates.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>
No. 6	<p><u>BUILDING CONTROL - OUT OF HOURS DANGEROUS STRUCTURES CALL OUTS</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Development & Estates.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and upon a vote being taken Option 1 was approved, namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue as per the existing arrangement where a BCO is not guaranteed to attend an incident. The advantage of this option is that it entails least cost. • However, this is predicated on the Council acknowledging and accepting the risk that in the event that emergency services require professional advice on the safety of a structure e.g. to enter, then there will be no BCO in attendance. • RCSLT are asked to consider the potential risk and reputational damage

	<p>associated with what may be a major incident and Building Control do not attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It may also prove impossible to instigate any cost recovery against property owners.
No. 7	<p><u>APPEALS, CONSULTATIONS AND DNS UPDATE JULY 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Development & Estates.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>
No. 8	<p><u>LIST OF APPLICATIONS DECIDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BETWEEN 30TH MAY 2023 AND 22ND JUNE 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Business Support Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>
No. 9	<p><u>AREAS FOR MEMBER BRIEFINGS AND TRAINING</u></p> <p>The Chair reported that the following Members Briefing Sessions would be arranged in due course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement Training • Section 106 • Material Planning Considerations <p>It was noted that the training sessions would be offered to all Members of the Council.</p>