

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
GWENT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: GWENT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2023**

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

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**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR T. SMITH (BGCBC) (CHAIR)**

Blaenau Gwent  
Councillor E. Jones

Torfaen  
Councillor D.H. Williams  
Councillor S. Evans

Monmouthshire  
Councillor P. Jones  
Councillor A. Watts

Caerphilly  
Councillor S. Williams

Newport CC  
Councillor E. Corten  
Councillor F. Hussain

**WITH: Blaenau Gwent CBC**  
Andrew Parker  
Liz Thomas

Torfaen CBC  
Kathryn Peters  
Rebecca Fahey-Jones  
Lyndon Puddy

Monmouthshire CBC  
Sharran Lloyd  
Robert McGowan  
Hazel Ilett

Caerphilly CBC  
Catherin Forbes Thompson  
Kathryn Peters  
Matthew Gatehouse

Newport CC  
Leanne Rowlands

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service  
Steve O'Connell

| ITEM  | SUBJECT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| No. 1 | <p><b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| No. 2 | <p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>The following apologies for absence were reported:</p> <p>Stephen Tiley - GAVO<br/>Peter Farley - GAVO<br/>Steve Morgan - NRW<br/>Sarah King – Blaenau Gwent<br/>Scott Morris- South Wales Fire &amp; Rescue<br/>Councillor Jen Morgan, J.P. – Gwent Fire &amp; Rescue Authority</p> |
| No. 3 | <p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| No. 4 | <p><b><u>GWENT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be recorded as a true record of proceedings.</p>                                                  |

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| <p><b>No. 5</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 Action Sheet be noted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>No. 6</b></p> | <p><b><u>DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE GWENT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance and Partnerships (Blaenau Gwent).</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Draft Terms of Reference (Appendix 1) be agreed;</li> <li>(ii) it was agreed that the Chairperson for the first year (June 2023 – May 2024) would be a nominated representative from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, namely Councillor Tommy Smith</li> <li>(iii) it was agreed that the Vice-Chairperson for the first year (June 2023 – May 2024) would be a nominated representative from Caerphilly County Borough Council; namely, Councillor S. Williams</li> <li>(iv) the meetings would be held on a hybrid basis, taking into consideration the detail in paragraph 5.3 as follows, to be reviewed in 12 months.</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>“ It was further recommended that the Scrutiny Committee meetings are offered on a hybrid basis, with the option to hold the meetings in other Local Authority areas. It should be noted that if meetings are held in other Local Authority areas, the support arrangements for that meeting for the use of the systems within that Local Authority would need to be provided by the democratic services staff of that council, adhering to individual council’s Multi Location Meetings Policies”.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(v) Following agreement of 6.1 (iv), the Committee agreed the venue for the next meeting of the Gwent Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee scheduled to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>No. 7</b></p> | <p><b><u>GWENT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD DRAFT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK</u></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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Consideration was given to the Draft Performance Management Framework.

The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and scrutinised the draft Performance Management Framework attached as Appendix 1 and provided feedback ahead of its discussion by the Gwent Public Services Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023.

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