

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

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

**SUBJECT: CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

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

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

Councillors J. Thomas (Vice-Chair)

J. Holt

J. Hill

R. Leadbeater

C. Smith

T. Smith

**WITH:** Interim Chief Executive  
Interim Corporate Director Social Services  
Chief Officer Resources  
Chief Officer Customer and Commercial  
Head of Organisational Development  
Service Manager Development and Estates  
Team Manager – Estates and Strategic Asset Management  
Service Manager – Policy and Partnerships  
Professional Lead Strategic Partnerships  
Professional Lead Engagement, Equality & Welsh Language  
Head of Governance, Partnerships & Democratic Services  
Press and Communications Officer  
Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

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<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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No. 2	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Councillor E. Jones.</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>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
No. 5	<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>
No. 6	<p><b><u>ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION STRATEGY</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Service Manager – Partnerships and Policy.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and supported the draft Engagement and Participation Strategy at Appendix 1 and to progress to the wider consultation phase (Option 1).</p>
No. 7	<p><b><u>RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION POLICY</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and Members of the Committee to considered the amendments to the Policy and recommended approval to Council (Option 1).</p>

<p><b>No. 8</b></p>	<p><b><u>WORKFORCE STRATEGY 2021-2026</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and noted the progress against the 2022/23 delivery plan and endorsed the 2023/25 delivery plan (Option 1).</p>
<p><b>No. 9</b></p>	<p><b><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME –</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 Committee agreed the Forward Programme for the meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March, 204, as presented (Option 1).</p>
<p><b>No. 10</b></p>	<p><b><u>FUTURE OCCUPATION OF ANVIL COURT, ABERTILLERY</u></b></p> <p>Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).</p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services.</p> <p>A Member proposed an Option 4, that the report be deferred in order to undertake further consultation with Ward Members, the wider Council Members and the Cabinet to ensure this matter has been fully considered.</p> <p>This proposed was seconded.</p> <p>Another Member proposed Option 2, this proposal was seconded.</p> <p>Upon a vote being taken</p>

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<p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and Option 2 which contained details relating to the business/financial affairs of persons other than the Authority be agreed.</p>
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