

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16TH JANUARY, 2024

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M. CROSS (CHAIR)

Councillors R. Leadbeater
S. Behr
K. Chaplin
G.A. Davies
J. Gardener
W. Hodgins
L. Parsons
D. Rowberry

WITH: Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services
Head of Community Services
Service Manager - Public Protection Services
Team Leader – Frontline Enforcement
Service Manager – Neighbourhood Services
Team Manager - Streetscene
Service Manager – Development and Estates
Service Manager – Policy and Partnerships
Team Manager – Trading Standards
Team Manager – Commercial Services
Team Manager – Regeneration Opportunities
Housing Solutions Manager
Policy Officer CCTV
Communications & Marketing Officer
Scrutiny and Democratic Officer

<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.

<p>No. 2</p>	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>An apology for absence was received from the Service Manager – Business and Regeneration.</p>
<p>No. 3</p>	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>The following declarations of interest were raised:-</p> <p>Councillor W. Hodgins Item No. 6 – Regeneration and Community Services 6 Month Progress Report (Employment and Skills – Aspire Programme)</p> <p>Councillor S, Behr Item No. 6 – Regeneration and Community Services 6 Month Progress Report (Housing – Tai Calon Board Member)</p>
<p>No. 4</p>	<p><u>PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the meeting held on 5th December, 2023.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
<p>No. 5</p>	<p><u>ACTION SHEET</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the action sheet.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the action sheet be noted.</p>
<p>No. 6</p>	<p><u>REGENERATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES 6 MONTH PROGRESS PERFORMANCE REPORT – APRIL 2023 – SEPTEMBER 2023</u></p> <p>To consider the report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein noted (Option 2).</p> <p>Councillors K. Chaplin, J. Gardener and D. Rowberry left the meeting at this juncture.</p>

No. 7	<u>OVERVIEW POSITION OF BLAENAU GWENT TOWN CENTRE CCTV ZONES 2023/24</u>
	<p>To consider the joint report of the Service Manager Policy and Partnerships and Policy Officer CCTV.</p>
	<p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and agreed the following recommendations:-</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="317 586 1442 712">(1) the Place Scrutiny Committee considered the updated Codes of Practice for 2023/24 and recommended endorsement by the Cabinet (Option 1);<li data-bbox="317 757 1442 835">(2) the Committee noted the current operating practices and arrangements with Caerphilly Council and IDS; and<li data-bbox="317 880 1442 1003">(3) the Committee agreed to consider the Annual Report 2023/24 as part of the committees forward work programme for 2024/25.
No. 8	<u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 5TH MARCH, 2024</u>
	<p>Consideration was given to the report.</p>
	<p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the Scrutiny Committee made amendments to the topics scheduled for the meeting; suggested any additional invitees that the committee requires to fully consider the reports; and requested any additional information to be included with regards to the topics to be discussed. (Option 2)</p>