

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 30TH JANUARY, 2024 (12.15 PM)

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: Councillor T. Smith (Chair)

Councillors D. Bevan
J. Gardner
G. Humphreys
J.P. Morgan
D. Wilkshire

WITH: Interim Corporate Director of Education
Interim Corporate Director of Social Services
Head of Adult Services
Service Manager Education Transformation
Policy Officer Engagement & Equalities
Press & Public Relations Officer
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</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> Apologies for absence was received for the Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships.	
No. 3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u>	

	No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.	
No. 4	<p><u>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on the 13th November, 2023 were submitted for points of accuracy.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
No. 5	<p><u>ACTION SHEET – 13TH NOVEMBER, 2023</u></p> <p>The actions sheet arising from the meeting of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 14th November, 2023 was submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
No. 6	<p><u>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2023/2024 (QUARTERS 1 AND 2)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director Social Services.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as provided (Option 2).</p>	
No. 7	<p><u>CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SERVICES 6-MONTH PROGRESS PERFORMANCE REPORT APR 23- SEPT 23</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director Social Services.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as presented (Option 2).</p>	
No. 8	<p><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 19TH MARCH, 2024</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.</p>	

It was agreed that the following be added to the Forward Work Programme for the People Scrutiny Committee:

- A report providing further data on Schools.
- Update report on The River Centre.
- Members Briefing on the work of the Youth Service.
- Members Briefing on the Welsh Government Review of the Middle Sector.

The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing, that the FWP for the meeting on the 19th March, 2024 be accepted as presented. (Option 2)
