

**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

**Action Sheet - Place Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Action to be Taken</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
05.09.23	<b>Item 7: Community Services and Regeneration Directorate Performance End of Year report 2022/23</b> <b>Solar Car Parking:</b> Members enquired if any research had been undertaken in Blaenau Gwent. Officer to undertake a desk top research and provide information to Members.	Amy Taylor	Due to current resources the team have not yet been able to undertake the market testing for the solar car parking. This will now be undertaken in 2024. <b>Action Update: 20.12.23</b>
05.12.23	Members to receive feedback on the findings of the research once available.	Amy Taylor	
16.01.24	Provide an update on the desktop study and the pros and cons of different sites and brands.	Amy Taylor	
05.12.23	<b>Item 5 – Action Sheet</b> <b>Six Bells Colliery:</b> In relation to the Six Bells Colliery site – when was the first expression of interest made.	Owen Ashton	The first expression of interest from Melin Homes for the Six Bells site was in September 2021. <b>Action Complete: 07.12.23</b>
16.01.24	Progress update to be provided on <b>Six Bells Colliery site</b> to include discussions regarding Social Services provision.	Ellie Fry / Owen Ashton	Social Services looked at the site in 2021/22 for child provision (Families First) to be included in any development. This needed to be modelled on site, the provision has now been accommodated elsewhere.

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16.01.24	<p><b>Item 6: Regeneration and Community Services 6-month Progress Performance Report – April 2023 – September 2023</b></p> <p><b>Business Startup:</b> Provide figures or graphs on how many startups have been supported and how long those businesses continue. The information then to be provided in future performance reports.</p>	Moe Forouzan	<p><b>Enterprise Facilitation</b>  The Enterprise Facilitation project was relaunched in June 2023. Enterprise Facilitation is a free, informal, and confidential service for aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners within Blaenau Gwent. The Enterprise Facilitation® model places no time constraint on an Enterprise Facilitator's time or length of support available, which means clients will always have access to the form of support needed, as and when issues arise.</p> <p><b>Activity</b></p> <p>No of active clients – start up      78  No of active clients – existing      20  No of enquiries closed      27  No of referrals made to internal and external partners  40  No of new businesses started      8  No of drop-in sessions/business clinics arranged  10  No of external business events/clinics attended 6  No of external meetings/intros      22  No of Internal meetings/Intros      6  Digital engagement – no of posts and PR uploaded to SM.      96  No contacts identified for VRP (skills gap audit) 10  No of VRP secured 4  During the first 6 months of 2023 (April – Sept) BGCBC financially supported 7 new business to start ups</p> <p>No of Applications approved 10.5  Amount of grant approved £5,874.44  Total number of jobs projected 7</p>

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	<p><b>Footfall in town centres:</b> Provide more narrative and correlation analysis on the factors affecting footfall and the difference between normal and event days.</p> <p><b>Destination Management:</b> Provide STEAM data figures and estimates of visitors and their interests.</p>	<p>Amy Taylor</p> <p>Alyson Tippings</p> <p><b>Action complete: 13.02.24</b></p>	<p>The businesses supported are in 4 of the 5 towns across the Borough and include service, retail and manufacturing sectors. Some are located within the town centres and some are home based until they have become established and are able to be sustainable in business premises.</p> <p>Business Sustainability query refer to link below:  <a href="https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Business-Economy-and-Labour-Market/Businesses/Business-Demography">https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Business-Economy-and-Labour-Market/Businesses/Business-Demography</a></p> <p><b>Action Complete: 13.02.24</b></p> <p>This will be provided in future quarterly performance reports with some details around how we monitor performance during events.  <b>Action Complete: 03.04.2024</b></p> <p>2022 STEAM report.- Headline figures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total economic impact of tourism £M66.48 % change on 2021 (£s 2022) 117.3%</li> <li>○ Total visitor days (000's) 921.51 % change on 2021 128.7%</li> <li>○ Staying visitor days (000's) 421.99 % change on 2021 149.8%</li> <li>○ Total visitor numbers (000's) 675.82 % change on 2021 125.5%</li> <li>○ Number of staying visitors (000's) 176.30 % change on 2021 168.3%</li> <li>○ Number of day visitors (000's) 499.52 % change on 2021 113.5%</li> <li>○ Number of FTE jobs supported by tourism spend 701 % change on 2021 104.1%</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Waste and Recycling:</b> Update Members on the progress of the food waste campaign and the use of the education suite.</p>	<p>Matthew Stent</p>	<p><b>Food Waste Campaign:</b>  Food engagement campaign completed across 8 of the 14 recycling collection rounds. Increases in participation range from 12% to 21.3% with an average increase in participation of 15.76% across all 8 rounds. Final 6 rounds due to be completed by July 2024.</p> <p><b>Education Suite:</b>  Nappy Library are attending every third Friday of the month. John Mewett is arranging funding for transport for schools who would like to visit.</p> <p><b>Action Complete: 19.02.24</b></p>