

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL - 27TH MAY, 2021

REPORT OF:

PRESENT COUNCILLOR M. MOORE (CHAIR)

:

Councillors	J. Holt (Deputy Chair)
	P. Baldwin
	D. Bevan
	J. Collins
	M. Cook
	M. Cross
	N. Daniels
	G. A. Davies
	D. Davies
	G. L. Davies
	M. Day
	P. Edwards
	D. Hancock
	K. Hayden
	S. Healy
	J. Hill
	W. Hodgins
	J. Mason
	H. McCarthy
	C. Meredith
	J. Millard
	J. C. Morgan
	J. P. Morgan
	L. Parsons
	G. Paulsen
	K. Pritchard
	K. Rowson
	T. Sharrem
	T. Smith
	B. Summers

B. Thomas
 G. Thomas
 S. Thomas
 J. Wilkins
 D. Wilkshire
 B. Willis
 L. Winnett

WITH: Corporate Director of Social Services
 Corporate Director of Education
 Chief Officer Resources
 Interim Chief Officer Commercial
 Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance
 Service Manager Performance and Democratic
 Data Protection & Governance Officer
 Press & Publicity Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<p><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></p> <p>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>	
No. 2	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Councillors G. Collier, L. Elias, H. Trollope and the Managing Director.</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></p> <p><u>Condolences</u></p> <p>Condolences were expressed to the families of:</p>	

- Former County Borough Councillor Karen Williams who had sadly passed away.
- Former M.P. for Blaenau Gwent and MEP, Llew Smith who had also sadly passed away

Members and officers paid their respects with a minute's silence

RESOLVED that appropriate letters be sent to the families.

Congratulations

Congratulations were expressed to:

Nantyglo Football Club and Nantyglo Youth Side FC

Throughout March, a number of Nantyglo FC's Youth Side took part in a challenge called 'March into Spring'. A challenge that involved walking/running/cycling 2 miles a day – with an overall target of 62 miles by the end of March but yet amazingly this target was smashed with 1,875 miles covered and £1,200 raised in sponsorship monies for the children's football club and the charity TIDY BUTT.

In addition, Nantyglo Football Club had undertaken some truly inspirational work with its members and the community throughout the course of the pandemic, to boost both physical and mental wellbeing and had continued to support its members, community and young people during this challenging time.

Letters of congratulations had been sent to both Nantyglo Football Club and the Youth Side.

No. 5

CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Julie Holt be elected Chair of the Council and that Councillor Malcolm Day be appointed Deputy Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,

RESOLVED accordingly.

	<p>Councillor Julie Holt took the Chair at this juncture and expressed her appreciation to Members for their vote of confidence and thanked the out-going Chair, Councillor Mandy Moore for the sterling work she had undertaken in the role over the last few years.</p>	
No. 6	<p><u>LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</u></p> <p>It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Nigel Daniels be re-elected Leader of the Council and that Councillor David C. Davies be re-elected Deputy Leader for the ensuing year.</p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council expressed his appreciation to the out-going Chair of Council, Councillor Mandy Moore who had undertaken an excellent job chairing Council meetings in her own unique style over the last few years. Congratulations was also expressed to the newly appointed Chair, Councillor Julie Holt and Deputy Chair, Councillor Malcolm Day who he was sure would follow suit in with their own inimitable style.</p> <p>The Leader of the Labour Group echoed these comments and continued by stating that with the advent of the move from the Civic Centre, the Labour Group Members wished to place on record their concerns that the Council was losing its identity. In addition, Members felt that the civic role had diminished and the Leader of the Labour Group asked whether discussions could take place in respect of enhancing the Chair of Council's role to include more of the mayoral aspects, potentially without reimbursement. He explained that should there be any potential future discussions regarding the amalgamation of authorities, Blaenau Gwent could end up without an identity and a base.</p> <p>In order that due consideration and an appropriate response could be provided, the Leader of the Council requested that the views of the Labour Group be submitted to him in writing.</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>A Member of the Labour Group also echoed his congratulations to the newly appointed Chair of Council, Councillor Julie Holt and</p>	

	<p>agreed with the Leader of the Labour Group's comments. He felt that since the Mayoral role had been disbanded, dignity at meetings had declined and Blaenau Gwent's heritage, which was vitally important for future generations was being damaged.</p>	
No. 7	<p><u>GROUP OFFICERS</u></p> <p>The Independent Group Officers for the ensuing year were reported as follows:</p> <p>Councillor N. Daniels – Leader Councillor D. Davies – Deputy Leader Councillor J. Wilkins – Secretary Councillor J. Holt – Group Chair Councillor M. Day – Group Vice-Chair</p> <p>It was reported that the Labour Group Officers for the ensuing year would be:</p> <p>Councillor S. Thomas - Leader Councillor H. Trollope - Deputy Leader Councillor T. Smith - Group Chair Councillor M. Cross – Group Vice-Chair Councillor H. McCarthy – Secretary Councillor K. Hayden – Treasurer</p> <p>It was reported that the Minority Independent Group Officers for the ensuing year would be:</p> <p>Councillor P. Edwards – Leader Councillor J. Millard – Deputy Leader</p>	
No. 8	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE</u></p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously RESOLVED that the following be appointed:</p> <p><u>Leader of the Council/Executive Member Corporate Services</u> Councillor N. Daniels</p> <p><u>Deputy Leader of the Council/Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development</u> Councillor D. Davies</p>	

Executive Member – Environment

Councillor J. Wilkins

Executive Member – Social Services

Councillor J. Mason

Executive Member – Education

Councillor J. Collins

No. 9

CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

It was proposed and seconded that the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair be held by the following and upon a vote being taken this was unanimously RESOLVED:

Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor S. Healy

Vice-Chair Councillor M. Cook

Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor J. Hill

Vice-Chair Councillor G. A. Davies

Community Services Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor M. Moore

Vice-Chair Councillor C. Meredith

Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor H. Trollope

Vice-Chair Councillor J. Holt

Social Services Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor S. Thomas

Vice-Chair Councillor K. Rowson

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee

15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

1. Chair - Councillor S. Healy

2. Vice Chair - Councillor M. Cook

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| 3. | Councillors | P. Baldwin |
| 4. | | G. Collier |
| 5. | | M. Cross |
| 6. | | G. A. Davies |
| 7. | | L. Elias |
| 8. | | J. Hill |
| 9. | | J. Holt |
| 10. | | H. McCarthy |
| 11. | | C. Meredith |
| 12. | | J. P. Morgan |
| 13. | | G. Paulsen |
| 14. | | S. Thomas |
| 15. | | T. Smith |

Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

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| 1. | Chair - | Councillor J. Hill |
| 2. | Vice Chair - | Councillor G. A. Davies |
| 3. | Councillors | M. Cook |
| 4. | | M. Cross |
| 5. | | G. L. Davies |
| 6. | | P. Edwards |
| 7. | | K. Hayden |

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| 8. | S. Healy |
| 9. | W. Hodgins |
| 10. | H. McCarthy |
| 11. | J. C. Morgan |
| 12. | L. Parsons |
| 13. | G. Paulsen |
| 14. | K. Rowson |
| 15. | B. Willis |

Community Services Scrutiny Committee
15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

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|-----|--------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Chair - | Councillor M. Moore |
| 2. | Vice Chair - | Councillor C. Meredith |
| 3. | Councillors | P. Baldwin |
| 4. | | M. Cook |
| 5. | | M. Cross |
| 6. | | M. Day |
| 7. | | P. Edwards |
| 8. | | S. Healy |
| 9. | | W. Hodgins |
| 10. | | J. Holt |
| 11. | | J. C. Morgan |
| 12. | | L. Parsons |
| 13. | | T. Sharrem |

14. B. Summers

15. L. Winnett

Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee –
15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

1. Chair - Councillor H. Trollope

2. Vice Chair - Councillor J. Holt

3. Councillors D. Bevan

4. G. Collier

5. M. Cook

6. M. Day

7. L. Elias

8. S. Healy

9. J. Hill

10. C. Meredith

11. J. C. Morgan

12. J. P. Morgan

13. T. Smith

14. B. Summers

15. D. Wilkshire

** Would also include 2 Members of religious bodies and between 2-5 parent governors with voting rights only when dealing with education matters.*

1. Mr. T. Baxter Diocesan Education Body
(R.C. Church)

2.	Vacant	(Church in Wales)
3.	Vacant	Youth Forum Representative
<u>Social Services Scrutiny Committee –</u> <u>15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1</u>		
1.	Chair -	Councillor S. Thomas
2.	Vice Chair -	Councillor K. Rowson
3.	Councillors	D. Bevan
4.		G. Collier
5.		G. A. Davies
6.		G. L. Davies
7.		P. Edwards
4.		K. Hayden
9.		W. Hodgins
10.		J. Holt
11.		M. Moore
12.		G. Paulsen
13.		T. Sharrem
14.		T. Smith
15.		B. Summers

Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee
15 Members - Proportionality 9:5:1 (to include Corporate Overview
Members & Chairs of Scrutiny Committees)

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| 1. | Chair - | <u>Chair - Corporate Overview</u>
<u>Scrutiny Committee</u>
Councillor S. Healy |
| 2. | Vice Chair - | <u>Vice Chair - Corporate Overview</u>
<u>Scrutiny Committee</u>
Councillor M. Cook |
| 3. | | <u>Chair - Social Services Scrutiny</u>
<u>Committee</u>
Councillor S. Thomas |
| 4. | | <u>Chair – Education and Learning</u>
<u>Scrutiny Committee</u>
Councillor H. Trollope |
| 5. | | <u>Chair – Regeneration Scrutiny</u>
<u>Committee</u>
Councillor J. Hill |
| 6. | | <u>Chair – Community Services</u>
<u>Scrutiny Committee</u>
Councillor M. Moore |
| 7. | Councillors | P. Baldwin |
| 8. | | M. Cross |
| 5. | | G. A. Davies |
| 10. | | J. Holt |
| 11. | | C. Meredith |
| 12 | | J. Millard |
| 13. | | J. C. Morgan |
| 14. | | J. P. Morgan |

15. G. Paulsen

The Leader of the Labour Group referred to the two Member appointments on the Silent Valley Waste Services Board and sought clarification whether these would also be confirmed at this meeting. In addition, he pointed out that these were paid appointments and asked when a report could be expected to be received from these Members as no report had not been received for a considerable period of some time.

The Leader of the Council advised that the appointees to the Silent Valley Waste Services Board would form part of Item No. 12 'Representatives on Outside Bodies' but confirmed that Councillors M. Cook and B. Summers would be re-appointed to the Board. With regard to any forthcoming report, the appointed Members would consider this request.

The Leader of the Labour Group continued by advising that according to published records there was one Member who had been in receipt of more than one responsibility allowance for over 2 years and requested that further details be submitted to a future meeting to establish if this was correct.

The Leader of the Council said that he was genuinely not aware of this case and requested that both he and the Chief Officer Resources be furnished with the details in order that this matter could be investigated and discussed further.

FURTHER RESOLVED accordingly.

No. 10 **STANDING COMMITTEES AND STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES**

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

Planning, Regulatory & General Licensing Committee – 15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

1. Chair - Councillor D. Hancock
 2. Vice Chair - Councillor W. Hodgins
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3.	Councillors	D. Bevan
4.		G. L. Davies
5.		M. Day
6.		J. Hill
7.		C. Meredith
8.		K. Pritchard
9.		K. Rowson
10.		B. Thomas
11.		G. Thomas
12.		T. Smith
13.		D. Wilkshire
14.		B. Willis
15.		L. Winnett

**Ward Members to be invited re planning site meetings without voting rights.*

General Licensing Sub-Committee (Rolling Rota) - 3 Members – (No Proportionality)

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| 1. | Chair | Councillor D. Hancock |
| | or | |
| | Vice Chair | Councillor W. Hodgins |

Plus 2 other Members of the Planning, Regulatory & General Licensing Committee

Statutory Licensing Committee –
15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

1. Chair - Councillor D. Hancock
2. Vice Chair - Councillor W. Hodgins
3. Councillors D. Bevan
4. G. L. Davies
5. M. Day
6. J. Hill
7. C. Meredith
8. K. Pritchard
9. K. Rowson
10. B. Thomas
11. G. Thomas
12. T. Smith
13. D. Wilkshire
14. B. Willis

16. L. Winnett

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Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee (Rolling Rota) - 3 Members –
(No Proportionality)

1. Chair Councillor D. Hancock
or
2. Vice Chair Councillor W. Hodgins

*Plus 2 other Members of the Statutory Licensing
Committee*

Democratic Services Committee

15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

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| 1. | Chair | Councillor J. C. Morgan |
| 2. | Vice Chair - | Councillor B. Summers |
| 3. | Executive Member - | J. Collins |
| 4. | Councillors | G. Collier |
| 5. | | M. Cook |
| 6. | | M. Cross |
| 7. | | G. A. Davies |
| 8. | | G. L. Davies |
| 9. | | M. Day |
| 10. | | K. Hayden |
| 11. | | S. Healy |
| 12. | | H. McCarthy |
| 13. | | L. Parsons |
| 14. | | K. Pritchard |
| 15. | | T. Sharrem |

** Chair and Vice Chair of Scrutiny Committees to be invited without voting rights.*

Governance & Audit Committee –

15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

CHAIR To be confirmed

1. Vice Chair Chair - Corporate Overview Scrutiny

	<u>Committee</u> Councillor S. Healy	
2.	<u>Deputy Leader of the Council</u> Councillor D. Davies	
3.	<u>Chair - Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee</u> Councillor H. Trollope	
4.	<u>Chair - Social Services Scrutiny Committee</u> Councillor S. Thomas	
5.	<u>Chair - Regeneration Scrutiny Committee</u> Councillor J. Hill	
6.	<u>Chair – Community Services Scrutiny Committee</u> Councillor M. Moore	
7.	<u>Chair – Democratic Services Committee</u> Councillor J. C. Morgan	
8.	<u>Chair – Planning, Regulatory & General Licensing Committee</u> Councillor D. Hancock	
9.	Councillor P. Baldwin	
10.	Councillor W. Hodgins	
11.	Councillor J. Holt	
12.	Councillor J. Millard	
13.	Councillor K. Rowson	
14.	Councillor B. Summers	
15.	Councillor L. Winnett	
	Lay Members – Mr. T. Edwards & Mr. M. Veale	

Governance & Audit Committee Appointments Panel 3:2

1. Councillor D. Davies
2. Councillor S. Healy
3. Councillor J. Hill
4. Councillor S. Thomas
5. Councillor H. Trollope

Standards Committee - 9 Members –

(3 County Borough Councillors

5 Independent Members

1 Community Council Member)

1. Town Councillor Jacqueline Thomas
2. Mr. R. Lynch
3. Mr. Stephen Williams
4. Mr R. Alexander
5. Mrs Sarah Rosser
6. Miss H. Roberts
7. Councillor K. Hayden
8. Councillor M. Moore
9. Councillor G. Thomas

Longlisting/Shortlisting – JNC Officers

7 Members - Proportionality 4:2:1

1. Leader or Deputy Leader
 2. Executive Member for appropriate Portfolio
 3. Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
 4. Vice-Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
 5. Councillor P. Edwards
 6. Councillor J. C. Morgan
 7. Councillor T. Sharrem
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Substitutes

1. Councillor S. Healy
2. Councillor J. Hill
3. Councillor K. Hayden
4. Councillor L. Winnett

Appointments Committee – JNC Officers 15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

1. Chair – Leader or Deputy Leader
 2. Executive Member for appropriate Portfolio
 3. Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
 4. Vice- Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
 5. Councillors D. Bevan
 7. M. Cook
 8. M. Cross
 9. K. Hayden
 9. S. Healy
 10. J. Hill
 11. C. Meredith
 12. J. Millard
 13. M. Moore
 14. J. C. Morgan
 15. T. Smith
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N.B. Appointments to be made by group leader as required.

Executive Member of Appropriate Portfolio(s)

Scrutiny Chair of Appropriate Portfolio(s)

Substitutes:

1. Councillor J. Holt
2. Councillor B. Summers
3. Councillor S. Thomas
4. Councillor L. Winnett

Longlisting/Shortlisting – Managing Director/Chief Executive -
7 Members – Proportionality 4:2:1

1. Leader of the Council
- 2 Deputy Leader of the Council
3. Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
4. Deputy Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
5. Councillor J. Collins
6. Councillor J. Millard
7. Councillor J. Wilkins

Officer additions if appropriate

Substitutes

1. Councillor S. Healy
2. Councillor J. Hill
3. Councillor D. Bevan
4. Councillor J. C. Morgan

Appointments Committee –
Managing Director/ Chief Executive
15 Members – Proportionality 9:5:1

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| 1. | Chair | Leader |
| 2. | Vice-Chair | Deputy Leader |
| 3. | Leader of the Largest Opposition Group | |
| 4. | Deputy Leader of the Largest Opposition Group | |
| 5. | Councillors | J. Collins |
| 6. | | M. Cook |
| 7. | | M. Cross |
| 8. | | S. Healy |
| 9. | | J. Hill |
| 10. | | J. Mason |
| 11. | | C. Meredith |
| 12. | | J. Millard |
| 13. | | J. C. Morgan |
| 14. | | J. Wilkins |
| 15. | | L. Winnett |

N.B. Appointments to be made by group leader as required.

*Executive Member of Appropriate Portfolio(s)
Scrutiny Chair of Appropriate Portfolio(s)*

Substitutes

1. Councillor B. Summers
2. Councillor J. Holt
3. Councillor K. Hayden

4.Councillor D. Wilkshire

Appeals Committee

1 Member *to be selected from the following to Chair the Committee:-*

Chair of Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee
Chair of Community Services Scrutiny Committee
Chair of Social Services Scrutiny Committee
Chair of Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Chair of Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee

* 1 Member to be selected from the following Majority Group Members:-

Councillors 1. G. Collier
 2. D. Hancock
 3. J. Holt

* 1 Member to be selected from the following Labour Group Members:-

Councillors 1. D. Bevan
 2. T. Smith
 3. D. Wilkshire

* *On a Rolling Rota*

Substitute members

Councillors 1. M. Cook
 2. W. Hodgins
 3. B. Willis
 4. L. Winnett

Investigating & Disciplinary Committee
(JNC & Chief Officers)

Councillors 1. D. Davies - CHAIR
 2. G. A. Davies
 3. J. Holt
 4. C. Meredith
 5. S. Thomas

<p>No. 11</p>	<p><u>SPECIAL AND AD HOC COMMITTEES/CONSULTATION MEETINGS</u></p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously, RESOLVED that the following be appointed:</p> <p><u>Cross Party Member Development Working Group – 5 Members</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Leader / Executive Member - Corporate Services</u> Councillor N. Daniels 2. <u>Deputy Leader / Executive Member – Regeneration and Economic Development</u> Councillor D. Davies 3. Councillors S. Healy 4. J. Holt 5. H. Trollope <p><u>Public Service Board (formerly the Local Service Board (LSB))</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Leader of the Council / Executive Member – Corporate Services</u> Councillor N. Daniels <p><u>Consultation with Trade Unions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leader/ Executive Member – Corporate Services 2. Deputy Leader /Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development 3. Appropriate Portfolio Member(s) <p><u>Consultation Town/Community Councils</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Leader / Executive Member - Corporate Services</u> Councillor N. Daniels 	
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2. Executive Member - Regeneration & Economic Development

Councillor D. Davies

3. Executive Member – Environment
Councillor J. Wilkins

4. Executive Member – Education
Councillor J. Collins

5. Executive Member – Social Services
Councillor J. Mason

6. Councillor M. Cook

7. Councillor M. Cross

8. Councillor J. Hill

9. Councillor M. Moore

10. Councillor L. Winnett

Fostering Panel (Social Services)

1. Councillor K. Rowson

Substitute: Councillor G. A. Davies

Blaenau Gwent Care and Repair – Agency Board

1. Executive Member - Social Services
Councillor J. Mason

2. Executive Member – Environment
Councillor J. Wilkins

50+ Network

1. Executive Member – Social Services
Councillor J. Mason

2. Chair – Social Services Scrutiny Committee
Councillor S. Thomas

3. Vice-Chair – Social Services Scrutiny Committee

Councillor K. Rowson

4. Councillor G. Thomas

Education Admissions Forum

1. Executive Member – Education
Councillor J. Collins

2. Chair – Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee
Councillor H. Trollope

Schools Forum

1. Executive Member – Education
Councillor J. Collins

2. Chair – Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee
Councillor H. Trollope

Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education

1. Executive Member – Education
Councillor J. Collins

2. Chair – Education & Learning Scrutiny Committee
Councillor H. Trollope

3. Councillor J. Holt

Getting to Know our Schools Sub Group
(formerly Scrutiny Schools Wellbeing Group)

1. Chair – Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee
Councillor H. Trollope

2. Vice Chair – Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee
Councillor J. Holt

3. Councillor D. Bevan

4. Councillor M. Cook

5. Councillor L. Elias
6. Councillor C. Meredith
7. Councillor B. Summers
8. Councillor J. C. Morgan
9. Councillor T. Smith

* Chair and Vice Chair to endeavour to be at each meeting
** All members to be invited to attend sub-group meeting.

HoV Waste Programme Joint Committee

1. Executive Member – Environment
Councillor J. Wilkins
2. Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development
Councillor D. Davies

Tomorrow Valley Project

1. Executive Member – Environment
Councillor J. Wilkins
2. Executive Member – Corporate Services
Councillor N. Daniels

Local Authority Liaison Committee

Executive Member – Environment
Councillor J. Wilkins

Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development
Councillor D. Davies

Sirhowy Ward Members

Rassau Ward Members

Beaufort Ward Members

Brynmawr Ward Members

Constitution Working Group

1. Leader of the Council
Councillor N. Daniels
2. Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor D. Davies
3. Leader of the Labour Group
Councillor S. Thomas
4. Deputy Leader of the Labour Group
Councillor H. Trollope
5. Chair of Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee
Councillor S. Healy
6. Vice-Chair of Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee
Councillor M. Cook
7. Chair of the Council
Councillor M. Moore
8. Deputy Chair of the Council
Councillor J. Holt
9. Councillor C. Meredith
10. Councillor J. Hill

Freedom of the Borough – Cross Party Working Group

1. Councillors J. Hill
2. J. Holt
3. G. Thomas
4. D. Bevan

5. K. Hayden

Leisure and Libraries Strategic Group

1. Leader of the Council (Chair)
2. Executive Member - Education

Grants Working Group

16 Members - Proportionality 9:5:2

** Plus 1 Member from each Ward on a political proportionality basis.*

1. Councillor L. Parsons
(Llanhilleth Ward)
2. N. Daniels (Abertillery Ward)
3. L. Elias (Brynmawr Ward)
4. T. Sharrem (Cwmtillery Ward)
5. L. Winnett (Blaina Ward)
6. G. Thomas (Beaufort Ward)
7. G. Paulsen (Badminton Ward)
8. G. L. Davies (Cwm Ward)
9. M. Cross (Sirhowy Ward)
10. D. Hancock (Six Bells Ward)
11. K. Pritchard (Ebbw Vale South Ward)
12. B. Summers (Ebbw Vale North Ward)
13. M. Moore (Tredegar Central and West Ward)

14. J. C. Morgan (Georgetown Ward)

15. D. Wilkshire (Rassau Ward)

16. K. Rowson (Nantyglo Ward)

Advisory Panel for the Appointment of Local Authority Governors'

1. Executive Member – Education (Chair)

Councillor J. Collins

2. Councillor D. Bevan

3. Councillor J. Holt

4. Councillor C. Meredith

5. Councillor J. C. Morgan

6. Councillor H. Trollope

Substitutes:

1. Councillor M. Cook

2. Councillor B. Summers

3. Councillor T. Smith

4. Councillor D. Wilkshire

Observer: *A representative of the Blaenau Gwent School Governors' Association (BGSGA)*

Destination Management Group (1 representative from each valley)

1. Councillor G. A. Davies

2. Councillor M. Moore

3. Councillor L. Parsons

Digital Inclusion

1. Councillor J. Holt
2. Councillor H. Trollope

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

1. Councillor K. Rowson

Community Asset Transfer Steering Group

1. Executive Member – Environment
Councillor J. Wilkins

Tredegar Heritage Initiative

1. Councillor D. Davies
2. Councillor M. Moore
3. Councillor M. Cross
4. Councillor H. Trollope
5. Councillor J. C. Morgan

Tredegar Town Council Representative – T. Smith

Cost Pressure Sub-Group

1. Leader of the Council/Executive Member – Corporate Services
Councillor N. Daniels
 2. Deputy Leader of the Council/Executive Member Regeneration & Economic Development
Councillor D. Davies
 3. Executive Member – Social Services
Councillor J. Mason
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4. Executive Member – Education
Councillor J. Collins
 5. Executive Member – Environment
Councillor J. Wilkins
 6. Chair – Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee
Councillor S. Healy
 7. Vice-Chair – Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee
Councillor M. Cook

Blaenau Gwent Enterprise Board

1. Leader or Deputy Leader
2. Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development
3. Corporate Director of Regeneration & Community Services

Corporate Parenting Board

1. Executive Member – Social Services
Councillor J. Mason
2. Chair of Social Services Scrutiny Committee
Councillor S. Thomas
3. Councillor J. Holt
4. Councillor K. Rowson
5. Councillor D. Bevan

Resettlement Programme

1. Councillor J. Mason
 2. Councillor J. Collins
 3. Councillor G. A. Davies
 4. Councillor H. McCarthy
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5. Councillor H. Trollope

MEMBERS' CHAMPIONS

Community Safety

Councillor C. Meredith

Children & Young People

Councillor J. P. Morgan

Older Persons

Councillor K. Rowson

Equalities and Diversity

Councillor M. Moore

Armed Forces

Councillor B. Thomas

Natural Environment & Biodiversity

Councillor L. Parsons

Digital Champion

Councillor J. Holt

LEAD MEMBER(S)

Lead Member - Safeguarding

Executive Member - Social Services

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COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,

RESOLVED that the following be appointed:-

Adult Learning Wales (formerly Workers' Educational Association Wales, YMCA Wales Community Council)

Scrutiny Chair – Education & Learning

Age Concern Gwent – Executive Committee Membership

Executive Member – Social Services

The Alliance

Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development

Scrutiny Chair – Regeneration

Aneurin Bevan Community Council – Local Committee

1. Councillor J. Millard
2. **Vacancy**
3. **Vacancy**

Aneurin Bevan Health Board – Independent Review Panel to meet Continuing Health Care Needs

Scrutiny Chair – Social Services

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – Stakeholder Reference Group

Executive Member – Social Services

Aneurin Leisure Trust

Councillor W. Hodgins
Councillor S. Healy

Aneurin Leisure Trust – Community Chest Panel

Councillor M. Cook

Brecon Beacons National Park – National Park Authority & Site Visits

Councillor J. Hill

Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Regional Scrutiny Committee

Chair of Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Substitute: Scrutiny Vice-Chair of Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Cabinet

Leader of the Council

CSC (Compound Semi-Conductor Board Part of the IQE Investment through City Deal)

Deputy Leader/Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development
Executive Member – Environment

Duke of Beaufort's Breconshire Estate Commoner's Association

Councillor B. Thomas

EAS - Education Achievement Service for South East Wales

Executive Member – Environment

Substitute: Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development

EAS – Joint Executive Group

Executive Member – Education

EAS – Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Councillor S. Healy

Councillor M. Cook

G.A.V.O. – Executive Committee & Local Committee

Executive Member – Social Services – Councillor J. Mason

G.A.V.O. - Be Proud of your Community Gwent Awards (Formerly - Gwent Best Kept Village Committee)

Councillor L. Parsons

Greater Gwent Cremation Joint Committee

Scrutiny Chair – Community Services

Councillor M. Moore

Substitute: Scrutiny Vice-Chair – Community Services

Councillor C. Meredith

Gwent Archives Joint Committee

Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development

Councillor J. Millard

Gwent Police Crime Panel

(formerly Gwent Police Authority)

Councillor C. Meredith

Councillor L. Winnett

Gwent Regional Partnership Board

Executive Member – Social Services

Heads of the Valleys Programme Board

Executive Member – Regeneration & Economic Development

Joint Council for Wales Employers Side

Executive Member – Corporate Services

Monmouth School Farm Endowment Trust

Councillor B. Thomas

National Adoption Service Governance Board

Executive Member – Social Services

PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee

Scrutiny Chair – Community Services

Councillor M. Moore

Sub:- Scrutiny Vice-Chair - Community Services

Councillor C. Meredith

Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Wales – Local Government Representation

Councillor B. Thomas

Rural Development Programme - Local Action Group

Councillor G. L. Davies

Silent Valley Waste Services Ltd

Non Executive

Councillors M. Cook & B. Summers

Shareholder Representatives

Leader of the Council

Executive Member - Environment

SRS Strategic Board

Councillor J. Wilkins

South Wales Fire Authority

Councillor W. Hodgins

South East Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party

Executive Member – Environment

Tai Calon Board

Councillor M. Day

Councillor G. A. Davies

Vision in Wales (formerly Wales Council for the Blind)

Executive Member – Social Services

Scrutiny Chair – Social Services

Welsh Local Government Association

Leader of the Council

WLGA Executive Board

Leader of the Council

WLGA Council and Voting

Leader of the Council

Substitute:- Deputy Leader of the Council

WLGA – All Wales Social Services Policy Group

Executive Member – Social Services

WLGA – Environment Champion

Executive Member – Environment

WLGA – Officer Appointment – Finance Working Group

Chief Officer Resources – Rhian Hayden

WLGA Corporate Affairs – Public Private Partnership Ltd – Management Board

Executive Member – Corporate Services

WLGA – Cultural Affairs & Leisure – South Wales Regional Committee

Executive Member – Environment

Wales Council for the Deaf

Executive Member – Social Services

Welsh Joint Education Committee

Executive Member – Education

Youth Offending Service Local Management Board – Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly

Executive Member – Social Services

LEA REPRESENTATION ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Abertillery 3-16 Learning Community

Daryl Tovey

Mr Richard Bevan

Councillor Nigel Daniels

Councillor Martin Cook

Jack Newton

All Saints R.C. Primary

Mrs Pat Mitchell

Mr Nigel Price

Beaufort Hill Primary

Mr. Roy Lynch

Vacancy

Vacancy

Blaen-y-Cwm Primary

Councillor Lyn Elias

Ms Natasha Tepielow

Vacancy

Vacancy

Bryn Bach Primary

Ms. Gemma Badham

Councillor Malcolm Cross

Mrs Diane Rowberry

Brynmawr Foundation

Ms Stephanie Hopkins

Councillor John Hill

Canolfan Yr Afon

(The River Centre)

Richard Crook

Lee Powell

Jan English

Coed-y-Garn Primary

Councillor Keri Rowson

Mr. Kenneth Jones

Vacancy

Cwm Primary

Councillor Derrick Bevan

Mrs Kathryn Cross

Ms. Natalie Marshall

Deighton Primary Tredegar

Councillor Haydn Trollope

Jaqueline Thomas

Delyth Pearsall

Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

Councillor Jonathan Millard

Mrs Gina Taylor

Councillor Clive Meredith

Councillor Dai Davies

Vacancy

Georgetown Primary

Tredegar

Councillor Mandy Moore

Councillor John C. Morgan

Ms Donna Hardman

Glanhowy Primary,

Tredegar

Miss Joanne Davies

Councillor Tommy Smith

Ms. Tara Lane

Glyncoed Primary

Ms. Andrea C. Roberts

Mr. Mostyn I. Smith

Councillor C. Meredith

Penycwm Special

Hannah Williams

Mrs Jennifer Morgan

Tim Baxter

Rhos-y-Fedwen Primary

Councillor D. Wilkshire

Councillor G. A. Davies
Councillor P. Edwards

Sofrydd Primary

Mrs Gill Clark
Debra Fields
Sian Barrett

St. Illtyd's Primary

Mrs Keri Jones
Lucy Allsopp
Councillor Joanne Collins

St. Joseph's R.C. Primary

Councillor Malcolm Cross

St Mary's Brynmawr CIW Primary

Claire Gardner

St. Mary's RC Primary Brynmawr

Mrs Angela Davies

Vacancy

Tredegar Comprehensive

Councillor John C. Morgan
Councillor Haydn Trollope
Mr Adrian Tuck
Ms. Melanie Rogers
Mr. Andrew Pearsall

Willowtown Primary

Vacancy

Councillor David C. Davies
Mrs Sian Barrett

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg, Blaina

Councillor John Hill
Councillor Peter Baldwin
Mrs Tracey Dyson

Ystruth Primary

Councillor Mrs. Lisa Winnett
Councillor Garth Collier
Kerys Beese

No. 13

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2021 CHANGES

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance.

The Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance advised that the report outlined some of the mandatory legislative changes pertaining to the functions and name of the Audit Committee that were required to be introduced as part of the new Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, which came into force on 1st April, 2021.

It was noted that the new function relating to ‘complaints’ referred to service related complaints, any code of conduct complaints still remained under the remit of the Standards Committee.

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously

RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing, that the report be accepted and the information which related to the mandatory changes brought about from a change in the legislation be noted, namely:

- **Change of Name** – The Audit Committee would now be referred to as the Governance and Audit Committee.
- **Additional Functions** – The functions/terms of reference of the Committee would be widened to include complaints and a new performance and governance regime.

This would result in the Governance and Audit Committee receiving new statutory powers to:

- Review and assess the authority’s ability to handle complaints effectively.
- Make reports and recommendations in relation to the authority’s ability to handle complaints effectively.

In addition to the above there were a number of other obligations placed upon the Council as part of Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 which come into force in May 2022. It was asked that the Council note these in readiness.

The changes to the Governance and Audit Committee in May

2022 would be as follows:

- Obligated to advertise and undertake a recruitment and selection exercise for all lay members.
- The Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee would now need to be a lay person.
- One third of Members of the Committee must be lay persons.
- Deputy Chair must not be a member of the Local Authority's Executive or an assistant to its Executive.

It was acknowledged that the Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's Governance and Audit Committee currently already complied with 3 of these intended changes. However, in order to comply with the membership requirement that a third of members must be lay persons a recruitment process would be initiated in Autumn 2021 in order to be prepared and further reports submitted to Council.

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ANNUAL CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2021/2022

Members considered the joint officers' report.

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Option 1 be endorsed, namely that:

- (i) The proposed annual cycle of meetings 2021/2022 attached at Appendix 1 be approved.
- (ii) The decision making process to deal with any urgent business during the August recess be approved:
 - a. the Leader and Deputy Leader in conjunction with appropriate Executive Members and Officers deal with any urgent items from 1st - 31st August 2021 (i.e. a Special Meeting of the Executive would be convened at short notice recognising that the matter was urgent and the call-in procedure would apply). The Managing Director / Head of Paid Service in conjunction with the Leadership would

	<p>determine if a matter was urgent; and</p> <p>decisions should be limited to urgent matters and recorded on a decision schedule presented to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council. No controversial or sensitive matters should be dealt with during this period.</p>	
No. 15	<p><u>MEMBERSHIPS REPORT</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to:</p> <p><u>Advisory Panel for Local Authority School Governors</u></p> <p>The following recommendations were made by the Panel on 13th April, 2021 to appoint:</p> <p>Blaen-y-Cwm Primary School – Councillor L. Elias</p> <p>River Centre - Richard Crook</p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,</p> <p>RESOLVED that the above appointments be endorsed.</p>	