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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

15th July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee will be held in virtually via Microsoft Teams - if you would like to attend this meeting live via Microsoft Teams please contact committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk on Thursday, 22nd July, 2021 at 10.00 am.

Please note that a pre and post meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the start and following the conclusion of the meeting for members of the committee.

Yours faithfully

Michelle Morris
Managing Director

AGENDA

Pages

1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required

We welcome correspondence in the medium of Welsh or English. / Croesawn ohebiaith trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg.

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should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

2. **APOLOGIES**

To receive.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION**

To consider any declarations of interests and dispensations made.

4. **TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

To consider.

5. **SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES** 5 - 14

To receive the Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 22nd April, 2021.

(Please note the Minutes are submitted for points of accuracy only)

6. **PROPOSED SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2021-22** 15 - 22

To receive the report.

7. **CARE INSPECTORATE WALES (CIW) ASSURANCE CHECK 2021: BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL SOCIAL SERVICES** 23 - 34

To consider the report of the Corporate Director Social Services.

8. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2019/20** 35 - 62

To consider the report of the Corporate Director Social Services.

9. **UPDATE ON STRATEGY TO SAFELY REDUCE THE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER** 63 - 70

To consider the report of the Head of Children's Services.

To: Councillor S. Thomas (Chair)
Councillor K. Rowson (Vice-Chair)
Councillor D. Bevan
Councillor G. Collier
Councillor G. A. Davies
Councillor G. L. Davies
Councillor P. Edwards
Councillor K. Hayden
Councillor W. Hodgins
Councillor J. Holt
Councillor M. Moore
Councillor G. Paulsen
Councillor T. Sharrem
Councillor B. Summers
Councillor T. Smith

All other Members (for information)
Manager Director
Chief Officers