

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

**SUBJECT: CABINET - 1ST MARCH, 2023**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

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PRESENT: COUNCILLOR S. THOMAS (CHAIR)

Councillors H. Cunningham  
J. C. Morgan  
H. Trollope

WITH: Interim Chief Executive  
Chief Officer Resources  
Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services  
Corporate Director Education  
Chief Officer Customer and Commercial  
Children's Services Manager  
Head of Partnerships and Governance  
Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance

**DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	
No. 2	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  The following apologies for absence were received from:-  Councillor S. Edmunds; and Interim Corporate Director Social Services	

<p><b>No. 3</b></p>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
<p><b>No. 4</b></p>	<p><b><u>CABINET</u></b></p> <p>To receive the decisions of Cabinet held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
<p><b>No. 5</b></p>	<p><b><u>CONFERENCES, COURSES, INVITATIONS AND EVENTS</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the following:-</p> <p><u>Meeting &amp; Service Requirements – Education Cabinet Members 'Spring Meeting' with MfE&amp;WL - Residential 2023 1<sup>st</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that approval be given for Councillor S. Edmunds, Cabinet Member – People and Education to attend.</p> <p><u>2023 Royal Garden Party</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that a representative be approved to attend one of the Royal Garden Parties to be held in London on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.</p>	
<p><b>No. 6</b></p>	<p><b><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 19TH APRIL 2023</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Democratic &amp; Scrutiny Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the Forward Work Programme for the Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 be approved as presented (Option 1).</p>	

No. 7

**DRAFT COMMISSIONING AND  
PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2023/28**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Commercial and Customer.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the draft Commissioning and Procurement Strategy 2023/2028 be approved (Option 1).

No. 8

**GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.

The following grants to organisation were received further to the publication of the report:-

**ABERTILLERY**

Abertillery & Six Bells Ward - Councillor J. Holt

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| 1. | Abertillery Workmens Institute | £57 |
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Abertillery & Six Bells Ward - Councillor R. Leadbeater

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| 1. | Abertillery Orpheus Male Voice Choir         | £100 |
| 2. | Abertillery Amateur Dramatic Musical Society | £100 |
| 3. | Fion Jones                                   | £100 |
| 4. | Abertillery Bluebirds                        | £100 |
| 5. | Ebenezer Food Cupboard                       | £32  |

**BRYNMAWR**

Brynmawr Ward - Councillor J. Gardner

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|----|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. | Brynmawr Museum             | £300 |
| 2. | Blaina Cricket Club         | £150 |
| 3. | Falcon Martial Arts         | £200 |
| 4. | Brynmawr Historical Society | £300 |

Brynmawr Ward - Councillor J. Hill

1.	Friends of Parc Nant Y Waun	£158
2.	BGFM	£100
3.	Ebbw Vale Works Museum	£100
4.	Brynmawr FC	£150
5.	Community Hope Project	£150
6.	Ebbw Valley Brass	£150

**EBBW VALE**

Beaufort Ward - Councillor C. Smith

1.	Ebbw Vale Works Museum	£200
2.	Beaufort Male Voice Choir	£280

Beaufort Ward - Councillor G. Thomas

1.	Beaufort Hearts	£130
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Cwm Ward – Councillors D. Bevan & G. Humphries

1.	Waunlwyd & Victoria Events Committee	£200
2.	Ebbw Valley Brass	£200
3.	Royal British Legion Cwm Branch	£200

Ebbw Vale North Ward - Councillor D. Davies

1.	Willowtown Primary PTA	£150
2.	EVI Pantry	£100

Ebbw Vale North Ward - Councillor J. Morgan

1.	One Life Autism	£500
2.	Tredegarr Operatic Society	£200
3.	Ebbw Vale Operatic Society	£200
4.	Toppers School of Dance and Drama	£180

Ebbw Vale South Ward - Councillor C. Bainton

1.	EVI Pantry	£200
2.	Ebbw Valley Brass	£100
3.	Willowtown Primary PTA	£300
4.	A B Boxing	£200
5.	Blaenau Gwent Young Stars	£200
6.	RTB RFC	£130
7.	Glanyrafon Pensioners Hall	£100

Ebbw Vale South Ward - Councillor S. Edmunds

1.	EVI Pantry	£100
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Rassau & Garnlydan Ward - Councillor G. Davies

1.	Rhos y Fedwen Primary School	£200
2.	Acorns Nursery	£100
3.	The Owl Sanctuary	£100

Rassau & Garnlydan Ward - Councillor D. Wiltshire

1.	Garnlydan Community Spirit	£100
2.	Ebbw Vale Works Museum	£80
3.	Beaufort Male Voice Choir	£80
4.	Rassau & Beaufort Bowls	£75
5.	Rassau OAP's	£100
6.	Blaenau Gwent Young Stars	£80
7.	Puddleducks	£200
8.	Ebbw Vale Christmas Lights	£80
9.	Hospice of the Valleys	£80
10.	Rock Chapel	£80
11.	Beaufort RFC	£80
12.	Ebbw Vale Male Voice Choir	£80
13.	Rhos y Fedwen Primary School	£100
14.	Ebbw Vale Cricket Club	£80
15.	Ebbw Vale Netball	£80
16.	Blaenau Gwent Indoor Bowls	£80

17.	Garnlydan AFC	£100
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**NANTYGLO & BLAINA**

Blaina Ward - Councillor L. Winnett

1.	Blaina Cricket Club	£100
2.	Cwmcelyn Angling Club	£100

Blaina Ward - Councillor J. Morgan

1.	Blaina Mens Bowls	£250
2.	Cwmcelyn Methodist Church	£100
3.	Cwmcelyn Angling Club	£100
4.	Aberystroth History and Archaeological Society	£80

**TREDEGAR**

Sirhowy Ward – Councillors M. Cross & T. Smith & D. Rowberry

1.	Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir	£100
2.	2167 Squadron Ait Training Corps	£100
3.	Tredegar Angling Club	£100
4.	Trefil RFC	£200
5.	Trefil Junior RFC	£100
6.	Gwent Area Association Welsh Cob & Pony	£100
7.	Tredegar Ironsides RFC	£200
8.	Sirhowy Valley Woodlands	£100
9.	Sirhowy Community Centre	£250
10.	Ystrad Deri Community Centre	£250
11.	Horeb Chapel	£50
12.	Sardis Chapel	£50
13.	Ebenezer Welsh Congregational Church	£100
14.	St George's Church	£100
15.	Immaculate Conception Church	£100
16.	Valleys Life After Stroke	£100
17.	Silurian Boxing Club	£100

	<p>18. Tredegar Junior Netball Club £100</p> <p>19. Tredegar Women's Institute £100</p> <p>20. Oak Football Club £100</p> <p>21. Tredegar Operatic Society £100</p> <p>22. Tredegar Twinning Association £100</p> <p>23. Brynbach Running Club £100</p> <p>24. Bedwellty Park Bowls £100</p> <p>25. Siloam Chapel £100</p> <p>26. Tredegar Mayors Appeal £100</p> <p>27. Moose International Hall £100</p> <p>28. Blaenau Gwent Otters £100</p> <p>29. Tredegar AFC £100</p> <p>30. Tredegar Business Forum £100</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing, that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>	
<p><b>No. 9</b></p>	<p><b><u>BLAENAU GWENT ESTYN LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION SERVICES (LGES) INSPECTION OUTCOME</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted (Option 2).</p>	
<p><b>No. 10</b></p>	<p><b><u>BLAENAU GWENT ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR NURSERY AND STATUTORY EDUCATION 2024/25</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the joint report of the Corporate Director Education, Service Manager Education Transformation and Business Change.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the policy document be approved (Option 1).</p>	

<p><b>No. 11</b></p>	<p><b><u>REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director Social Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the programme of work by the Regional Partnership Board be supported (Option 1).</p>	
<p><b>No. 12</b></p>	<p><b><u>REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services.</p> <p>The Leader noted that the Place Scrutiny Committee recommended Option 1, and that tourism in Blaenau Gwent be further developed. The Leader asked if an explanation on the specific aspect on developing tourism had been provided.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member – Place and Regeneration noted the substantive report and felt that a great deal of work was already being undertaken around tourism within the Borough and therefore proposed Option 2. The Cabinet Member – Place and Environment concurred that the report contained a great deal of information and felt that an explanation was needed on the reason why focus should be placed on tourism. The Cabinet Member – Place and Environment thereupon seconded Option 2.</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>The Leader suggested that in future Scrutiny Committees be asked to provide a more explanatory paragraph on recommendations put forward to Cabinet for Cabinet Members to be fully informed on specifics being recommended.</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>It was therefore</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted (Option 2).</p> <p>Councillor H. Trollope left the meeting at this juncture.</p>	



**No. 13**

**UPDATE CEMETERY BURIAL CAPACITY FEBRUARY 2023**

Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

Consideration was given to the report of the Team Manager Streetscene.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information which contained details relating to the business/financial affairs of persons other than the Authority be agreed. (Option 1)

**No. 14**

**BUSINESS CASE TO PURCHASE 2 PROPERTIES FOR USE AS RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S HOMES**

Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director Social Services.

It was proposed that Part 1 Option 1 and Part 2 Option 1 be agreed in principle subject to further discussions in connection with future valuation potential. This proposal was seconded.

RESOLVED accordingly.

FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing that the report be accepted and the information which contained details relating to the business/financial affairs of persons other than the Authority be agreed (It was proposed that Part 1 Option 1 and Part 2 Option 1 be agreed in principle subject to further discussions in connection with future valuation potential).