

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

SUBJECT: CABINET - 29TH NOVEMBER, 2023

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: Leader/Cabinet Member - Corporate Overview & Performance

Councillor S. Thomas

Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member – Place & Environment

Councillor H. Cunningham

Cabinet Member – Place and Regeneration

Councillor J.C. Morgan

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

Councillor H. Trollope

Cabinet Member – People & Education

Councillor S. Edmunds

WITH:

Interim Chief Executive
Chief Officer Resources
Chief Officer Customer & Commercial
Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services
Interim Corporate Director Social Services
Head of Organisational Development
Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance
Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships
Service Manager Young People & Partnerships
Service Manager Customer Experience & Transformation
Press & Public Relations Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
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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>An apology for absence was reported for the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p>	
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
No. 4	<p><u>CABINET</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the Cabinet Meeting held on 4th October, 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the decisions be received as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
No. 5	<p><u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 3RD JANUARY 2024</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny & Democratic Officer.</p> <p>It was reported that the date on the report should be amended to read 10th January, 2024.</p> <p>RESOVLED, subject to the foregoing, that the Forward Work Programme for the meeting on the 10th January, 2024 be accepted. (Option 1)</p>	
No. 6	<p><u>GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS</u></p> <p><u>GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS</u></p>	

Consideration was given the report of the Chief Officer Resources.
The following grants were received following publication of the report:

ABERTILLERY

Abertillery & Six Bells Ward - Councillor K. Chaplin

1.	Abertillery Ladies Choir	£90
2.	Ebbw Fach Choir	£90
3.	K Style	£90

Abertillery & Six Bells Ward - Councillor R.

Leadbetter

1.	K Style	£100
2.	Abertillery Piranhas	£100
3.	Abertillery & District Museum Society	£100
4.	Abertillery Town Band	£100

Cwmtillery Ward – Councillors M. Day & J. Wilkins

1.	K Style	£100
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Llanhilleth Ward - Councillor N. Parsons

1.	K Style	£100
2.	St Illtyd's Primary School Fund	£200

EBBW VALE

Cwm Ward – Councillors D. Bevan & G. Humphreys

1.	Baby Padfield	£300
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NANTYGLO & BLAINA

Nantyglo Ward – Councillor P. Baldwin

1.	Friends of Coed Cae Community House	£300
2.	Hermon Cemetery Trust	£390
3.	Trevor Rowson Wildlife / Nantyglo Action Group	£200
4.	Piranhas Swimming Club	£150
5.	Winchestown OAP Association	£200
6.	Nantyglo OAP Association	£200
7.	Nantyglo Community Shop	£200
8.	BGfm	£400
9.	Nantyglo RFC	£250
10.	Friends of Parc Nant y Waun	£100
11.	Needles & Pins	£200
12.	Wesleyan Methodist Church	£100
13.	St. Annes Church	£100

Nantyglo Ward – Councillor S. Behr

1.	Friends of Coed Cae Community House	£300
2.	Hermon Cemetery Trust	£150
3.	Trevor Rowson Wildlife / Nantyglo Action Group	£300
4.	Piranhas Swimming Club	£150
5.	Winchestown OAP Association	£200
6.	Nantyglo OAP Association	£200
7.	Nantyglo Community Shop	£200
8.	BGfm	£200
9.	Nantyglo RFC	£100
10.	Friends of Parc Nant y Waun	£100
11.	Needles & Pins	£100
12.	Wesleyan Methodist Church	£100
13.	St. Annes Church	£100

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

1.	Tredeggar Orpheus Male Voice Choir	£100
2.	2167 Squadron Air Training Corps	£100
3.	Tredeggar Angling Club	£100
4.	Trefil Junior RFC	£100
5.	Gwent Area Ass. Welsh Cob & Pony Society	£100
6.	Tredeggar Ironsides RFC	£200
7.	Sirhowy Valley Woodlands	£100
8.	Sirhowy Community Centre	£250
9.	Ystrad Deri Community Centre	£250
10.	Horeb Chapel	£50
11.	Sardis Chapel	£50
12.	Ebenezer Welsh Congregational Church	£100
13.	St Georges Church	£100
14.	Immaculate Conception Church	£100
15.	Valleys Life After Stroke	£100
16.	Silurian Boxing Club	£100
17.	Tredeggar Junior Netball Club	£100
18.	Tredeggar Women's Institute	£100
19.	Oak Football Club	£100
20.	Tredeggar Operatic Society	£100
21.	Tredeggar Twinning Association	£100
22.	Brynbach Running Club	£100
23.	Bedwellty Park Bowls	£100
24.	Siloam Chapel	£100
25.	Tredeggar Mayors Appeal	£100
26.	Moose International Lodge	£100
27.	Tredeggar AFC	£100

	<p>28. Tredegar Business Forum £100</p> <p>29. Sirhowy Angling Club £100</p> <p>30. Waundeg & Nantybawch Community Association £250</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>No. 7</p>	<p><u>GRANTS WORKING GROUP – 25TH OCTOBER 2023</u></p> <p>The report of the meeting held on 25th October, 2023 was submitted.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be noted.</p>	
<p>No. 8</p>	<p><u>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, FORECAST FOR 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR (AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet provided the appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report; continued to support appropriate financial control procedures agreed by Council and noted the budgetary control and monitoring procedures in place within the Capital Team, to safeguard Authority funding (Option 1).</p>	
<p>No. 9</p>	<p><u>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2023/2024 FORECAST OUTTURN TO 31 MARCH 2024 (AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet provided the appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report; noted the application of Reserves; considered and challenged the Action Plans attached at Appendix 2; and approved the budget virements detailed in paragraphs 5.1.18. (Option 1)</p>	

<p>No. 10</p>	<p><u>COUNCIL TAX BASE 2024-25</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet approved the Council Tax base calculation for 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix 1, tables 1 to 6, and that the Council Tax Base for tax setting purposes be 20,936.36.</p>	
<p>No. 11</p>	<p><u>SICKNESS ABSENCE PERFORMANCE 2022/23</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet approve the report and the ongoing actions to support improvement in attendance. (Option 2)</p>	
<p>No. 12</p>	<p><u>POSITION STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH THE SHARED RESOURCE SERVICE (SRS) FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Commercial & Customer.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet considered the position statement on performance for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 against the SLA in place with SRS; and agreed to receive annual updates as part of the ongoing partnership with SRS. (Option 1)</p>	
<p>No. 13</p>	<p><u>THE ANNUAL LETTER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES 2022/2023</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet was informed of the Council's performance with regard to complaints made to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. (The report has been</p>	

	<p>considered by the Governance and Audit Committee with assurance that the process for the monitoring of complaints is robust and the performance information provided reflects these practices). (Option 1)</p>	
No. 14	<p><u>WASTE AND RECYCLING ANNUAL PERFORMANCE 2022-23</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Neighbourhood Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the information contained in the report be accepted. (Option 1)</p>	
No. 15	<p><u>CLIMATE CHANGE, NET ZERO ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Chief Executive.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet support the progress made. (Option 1)</p>	
No. 16	<p><u>ABERTILLERY PLACEMAKING PLAN</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet endorse the Abertillery Placemaking Plan, its vision and core ambitions for the future. This will enable us to finalise the draft of the delivery plan and take steps towards the implementation of the projects that will be contained within it. (Option 2)</p>	
No. 17	<p><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted as provided. (Option 2)</p>	
No. 18	<p><u>ANEURIN LEISURE TRUST PERFORMANCE AND</u></p>	

	<p><u>MONITORING</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Young People & Partnerships.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet considered the governance arrangements, annual performance and agreed the contents therein. (Option 1)</p>	
<p>No. 19</p>	<p><u>WELSH PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS (WPLS) ANNUAL RETURN 2021/22</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Young People & Partnerships.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted. (Option 1)</p>	
<p>No. 20</p>	<p><u>UPDATE ON PROGRESS AGAINST ESTYN RECOMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted as provided. (Option 2)</p>	
<p>No. 21</p>	<p><u>PROGRESS REPORT: CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOMES</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Cabinet support the report as an accurate representation of the progress to date in respect of the development of Blaenau Gwent's residential children's homes. (Option 1)</p>	