

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 19TH MARCH, 2024**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR T. SMITH (CHAIR)**

Councillors J. Morgan, J.P. (Vice-Chair)  
D. Bevan  
J. Gardner  
G. Humphreys  
J. P. Morgan  
G. Thomas  
D. Wilkshire

**WITH:** Interim Corporate Director of Education  
Interim Head of School Improvement and Inclusion  
Service Manager Education Transformation & Business Chang  
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer

| <b>ITEM</b>  | <b>SUBJECT</b>  | <b>ACTION</b> |
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| <b>No. 1</b> | <b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b><br><br>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service. |               |
| <b>No. 2</b> | <b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b><br><br>An apology for absence was reported for the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.               |               |

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| <b>No. 3</b> | <p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>   |  |
| <b>No. 4</b> | <p><b><u>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 (10.00 am).</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p> |  |
| <b>No. 5</b> | <p><b><u>ACTION SHEET</u></b></p> <p>There were no actions arising from the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.</p>  |  |
| <b>No. 6</b> | <p><b><u>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 (12.15 pm).</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p> |  |
| <b>No. 7</b> | <p><b><u>ACTION SHEET</u></b></p> <p>There were no actions arising from the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at 12.15 a.m.</p>  |  |
| <b>No. 8</b> | <p><b><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>The Chair commended the schools outlined in the report on their</p>                                   |  |

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|                      | <p>positive inspections, and thanked staff, pupils and the Education Department for their input in the inspection process.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as presented (Option 2).</p>  |  |
| <p><b>No. 9</b></p>  | <p><b><u>EDUCATION DIGITAL STRATEGY</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Education Transformation &amp; Business Change.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted, and recommended to Cabinet for approval (Option 1).</p>                             |  |
| <p><b>No. 10</b></p> | <p><b><u>BLAENAU GWENT ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR NURSERY AND STATUTORY EDUCATION 2025/26</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Education Transformation &amp; Business Change.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report and Policy document be accepted (Option 1).</p> |  |