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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

19th September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

A meeting of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held in Remotely via Microsoft Teams (if you would like to attend this meeting please contact committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) on Thursday, 26th September, 2024 at 10.00 am.

Yours faithfully



Stephen Vickers
Joint Chief Executive

AGENDA

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1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

2. APOLOGIES

To receive.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

To consider any declarations of interest and dispensations made.

4. PRESIDING MEMBER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive.

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To consider and if thought fit, approve the decisions of the meeting held on 18th July, 2024.

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To confirm the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 10th July, 2024.

7. GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 23 - 24

To confirm the decisions of the General Licensing Committee held on 16th July, 2024.

8. STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE 25 - 26

To confirm the decisions of the Statutory Licensing Committee held on 16th July, 2024.

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE 27 - 30

To confirm the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 5th September, 2024.

10. CABINET 31 - 34

To confirm the decisions of Cabinet held on 4th September, 2024.

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- To confirm the decisions of the Corporate and Performance Scrutiny Committee held on 27th June, 2024.
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14. **ETHICS & STANDARDS COMMITTEE** 47 - 50
- To confirm the decisions of the Ethics & Standards Committee held on 3rd September, 2024.
15. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**
- To receive questions, if any, from the public.
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- To receive questions, if any, from Members.
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To: Councillor C. Smith (Presiding Member)
Councillor D. Wilkshire (Deputy Presiding Member)
Councillor P. Baldwin
Councillor S. Behr
Councillor D. Bevan
Councillor K. Chaplin
Councillor M. Cross
Councillor H. Cunningham
Councillor D. Davies
Councillor G. A. Davies
Councillor M. Day
Councillor S. Edmunds
Councillor J. Gardner
Councillor J. Hill
Councillor W. Hodgins
Councillor J. Holt
Councillor G. Humphreys
Councillor R. Leadbeater
Councillor J. Millard
Councillor E. Jones
Councillor J. Morgan, J.P.
Councillor J. C. Morgan
Councillor J. P. Morgan
Councillor L. Parsons
Councillor D. Rowberry
Councillor T. Smith
Councillor G. Thomas
Councillor J. Thomas
Councillor S. Thomas
Councillor H. Trollope
Councillor J. Wilkins
Councillor L. Winnett
Councillor D. Woods

All other Members (for information)
Joint Chief Executive
Chief Officers