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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

16th January 2025

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, 23rd January, 2025 at 10.00 am.

Yours faithfully



Stephen Vickers
Joint Chief Executive

AGENDA

Pages

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.

5. ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 5 - 14

To consider and if thought fit, approve the decisions of the meeting held on 28th November, 2024.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE 15 - 18

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

7. CABINET 19 - 26

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

8. CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 27 - 28

To confirm the decisions of the Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee held on 7th November, 2024.

9. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

To receive questions, if any, from Members.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive questions, if any, from the public.

11. SUPERINTENDENT MIKE RICHARDS

12. **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE WORKING WITH TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** 29 - 58
- To consider the report of the Head of Organisational Development.
13. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2024** 59 - 104
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director of Corporate Services.
14. **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES/STATIONS 2024** 105 - 128
- To consider the report of the Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance.
15. **MENSTRUATION/MENOPAUSE POLICY** 129 - 142
- To consider the report of the Head of Organisational Development.
16. **FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH CROSS PARTY WORKING GROUP** 143 - 146
- To consider the report of the meeting held on 18th December, 2024.
17. **MEMBERSHIPS REPORT** 147 - 148
- To consider the attached report.
18. **EXEMPT ITEM**
- To receive and consider the following report which in the opinion of the proper officer is an exempt item taking into account consideration of the public interest test and that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting (the reason for the decision for the exemption is available on a schedule maintained by the proper officer).

**19. IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
THE MIDDLE TIER REVIEW**

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To consider the report of the Corporate Director of Education.

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