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THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND

27th November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

CABINET

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held in via MS Teams (if you wish to view this meeting please contact deb.jones@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk or michelle.hicks@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) on Wednesday, 4th December, 2024 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 any apologies for absence.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

To receive any declarations of interest or dispensations.

DECISIONS

4. **CABINET** 5 - 8

To receive the decisions of Cabinet held on 16th October, 2024.

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5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 15TH JANUARY 2025** 9 - 12

To receive

6. **GRANTS WORKING GROUP MINUTES** 13 - 16

To approve.

7. **GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS** 17 - 26

To consider the report of the Corporate Director Corporate Services.

8. **GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS (RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL FOR PAYMENTS MADE 18TH JUNE, 2024)** 27 - 28

To consider report of the Corporate Director Corporate Services.

9. **HEALTH & SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT - 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023** 29 - 52

To consider the report of the Head of Organisational Development.

10. **EMPLOYEE WELLBEING AND SICKNESS ABSENCE** 53 - 70

To consider the report of the Head of Organisational

Development.

11. **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2024/2025 – FORECAST OUTFURN TO 31 MARCH 2025 (AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024)** 71 - 102
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- To consider the report of the Head of Legal and Corporate Compliance.
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- To consider the report of the Corporate Director Education.
16. **REVIEW OF INCLUSION POLICIES** 157 - 358
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director Education.

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17. **WASTE AND RECYCLING ANNUAL PERFORMANCE 2023-24** 359 - 386
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services.
18. **CLIMATE CHANGE, NET ZERO ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24** 387 - 454

To consider the report of the Service Manager Policy and Partnerships.

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19. **FORMER COMMUNITY CENTRE, ORCHARD STREET, BRYNMAWR** 455 - 562

To consider report of the Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services.

EXEMPT ITEM(S)

To receive and consider the following report which in the opinion of the proper officer is/are 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).

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20. **IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MIDDLE TIER REVIEW** 563 - 572

To consider the report of the Corporate Director Education.

To: Councillor S. Thomas (Chair)
Councillor H. Cunningham
Councillor J. C. Morgan
Councillor H. Trollope
Councillor S. Edmunds

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