

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO:	<u>THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL</u>
SUBJECT:	<u>ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 23RD MAY, 2024</u>
REPORT OF:	<u>DEMOCRATIC OFFICER</u>

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR C. SMITH (PRESIDING MEMBER, CHAIRING)

Councillors P. Baldwin
S. Behr
D. Bevan
K. Chaplin
M. Cross
H. Cunningham
D. Davies
G. A. Davies
M. Day
S. Edmunds
J. Hill
W. Hodgins
J. Holt
G. Humphreys
R. Leadbeater
E. Jones
J. Millard
J. C. Morgan
D. Rowberry
T. Smith
G. Thomas
J. Thomas
S. Thomas
H. Trollope
J. Wilkins
D. Wilkshire
L. Winnett
D. Woods

AND: Interim Chief Executive
 Corporate Director of Regeneration & Community Services
 Interim Corporate Director of Social Services
 Chief Officer Resources
 Chief Officer Commercial & Customer
 Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance
 Press & Publicity Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1.	<p><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></p> <p>It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>	
2.	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Councillor J. Morgan, J.P., L. Parsons, Interim Corporate Director of Education, Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships, Service Manager – Performance and Democratic.</p>	
3.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.</p>	

4.

PRESIDING MEMBER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations

Congratulations were expressed to:

- Jack Schofield from Tredegar who gained his first Wales U13 cap as part of the Welsh Squash Team.
- Ged Musto from Brynithel who had been crowned the UK'S top fitness trainer and follows Ged's recognition as Wales's top trainer in 2023.

Letters of congratulations had been sent on behalf of the Council.

Condolences

Condolences were expressed to the family of Mr. Steve Pennells who had sadly passed away. Steve had been affiliated to the Royal British Legion, particularly the branches in the Blaenau Gwent area for a considerable number of years.

Members and officers paid their respects with one minute's silence.

5.

PRESIDING MEMBER AND DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor C. Smith be re-elected Presiding Member of the Council and that Councillor D. Wilkshire be appointed Deputy Presiding Member of the Council for the ensuing year.

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,

RESOLVED accordingly.

<p>6.</p>	<p><u>LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</u></p> <p>It was proposed and seconded that Councillor S. Thomas be re-elected Leader of the Council and that Councillor H. Cunningham be elected Deputy Leader for the ensuing year.</p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>GROUP OFFICERS</u></p> <p>The Labour Group Officers for the ensuing year were reported as follows:</p> <p>Councillor S. Thomas – Leader Councillor H. Cunningham – Deputy Leader Councillor T. Smith – Secretary Councillor C. Smith – Group Chair Councillor D. Wilkshire – Group Vice-Chair Councillor P. Baldwin – Treasurer</p> <p>It was reported that the Independent Group Officers for the ensuing year would be:</p> <p>Councillor W. Hodgins - Leader Councillor J. Wilkins - Deputy Leader Councillor L. Parsons – Secretary</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET</u></p> <p>Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously RESOLVED that the following be appointed:</p>	

Leader of the Council/Cabinet Member - Corporate & Performance

Councillor S. Thomas

Deputy Leader of the Council/Cabinet Member – Place & Environment

Councillor H. Cunningham

Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development

Councillor J. C. Morgan

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

Councillor H. Trollope

Cabinet Member – People & Education

Councillor S. Edmunds

9. **CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

It was proposed and seconded that the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair be held by the following and upon a vote being taken this was unanimously RESOLVED:

People Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor T. Smith

Vice-Chair Councillor J. Morgan, J.P.

Place Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor M. Cross

Vice-Chair Councillor R. Leadbeater

Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor W. Hodgins

Vice-Chair Councillor D. Bevan

Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee

Chair Councillor J. Wilkins

Vice-Chair Councillor J. Thomas

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

**People Scrutiny Committee - 9 Members –
Proportionality 6:3**

1. Chair - Councillor T. Smith
2. Vice Chair - Councillor J. Morgan, J.P.
3. Councillors S. Behr
4. D. Bevan
5. J. Gardner
6. J. Hill
7. J. Holt
8. G. Thomas
9. D. Wilkshire

**** Would also include 2 Members of religious bodies
and between 2-5 parent governors with voting rights
only when dealing with education matters.***

1. **Vacancy** Diocesan Education Body
(R.C. Church)
 2. Mr. T. Pritchard (Church in Wales)
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**Place Scrutiny Committee - 10 Members –
Proportionality 7:3**

1. Chair - Councillor M. Cross
2. Vice Chair - Councillor R. Leadbeater
3. Councillors S. Behr
4. K. Chaplin
5. J. Gardner
6. W. Hodgins
7. G. Humphreys
8. J. Millard
9. L. Parsons
10. D. Rowberry

**Partnership Scrutiny Committee - 9 Members
– Proportionality 6:3**

1. Chair - Councillor W. Hodgins
 2. Vice Chair - Councillor D. Bevan
 3. Councillors P. Baldwin
 4. D. Davies
 5. M. Day
 6. E. Jones
 7. C. Smith
 8. L. Winnett
 9. D. Woods
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Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee – 9 Members – Proportionality 6:3

1. Chair - Councillor J. Wilkins
2. Vice Chair - Councillor J. Thomas
3. Councillors K. Chaplin
4. G. A. Davies
5. J. Hill
6. E. Jones
7. R. Leadbeater
8. C. Smith
9. T. Smith

10.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

Planning Committee

14 Members – Proportionality 9:5

1 Member from each Ward on a political proportionality basis.

1. Chair - Councillor L. Winnett
2. Vice Chair - Councillor P. Baldwin
- Councillors
3. M. Day
4. W. Hodgins

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| 5. | J. Holt |
| 6. | G. Humphreys |
| 7. | E. Jones |
| 8. | J. Millard |
| 9. | J. Morgan, J.P. |
| 10. | L. Parsons |
| 11. | D. Rowberry |
| 12. | C. Smith |
| 13. | J. Thomas |
| 14. | D. Wilkshire |

****Ward Members to be invited re planning site meetings without voting rights.***

General Licensing Committee
11 Members – Proportionality 7:4

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|-----|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Chair - | Councillor L. Winnett |
| 2. | Vice Chair - | Councillor P. Baldwin |
| 3. | Councillors | S. Behr |
| 4. | | M. Cross |
| 5. | | G. A. Davies |
| 6. | | J. Gardner |
| 7. | | J. Hill |
| 8. | | G. Humphreys |
| 9. | | D. Rowberry |
| 10. | | G. Thomas |

11. D. Woods

General Licensing Sub-Committee (Rolling Rota)
3 Members – (No Proportionality)

1. Chair Councillor L. Winnett
or
Vice Chair Councillor P. Baldwin

Plus 2 other Members of the General Licensing Committee

Statutory Licensing Committee
11 Members – Proportionality 7:4

1. Chair - Councillor L. Winnett
2. Vice Chair - Councillor P. Baldwin
3. Councillors S. Behr
4. M. Cross
5. G. A. Davies
6. J. Gardner
7. J. Hill
8. G. Humphreys
9. D. Rowberry
10. G. Thomas
11. D. Woods

Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee (Rolling Rota)
3 Members – (No Proportionality)

1. Chair Councillor L. Winnett
or
2. Vice Chair Councillor P. Baldwin

Plus 2 other Members of the Statutory Licensing Committee

Democratic Services Committee
9 Members - Proportionality 6:3

1. Chair Councillor J. Hill
2. Vice Chair - Councillor E. Jones
3. Cabinet Member - Councillor J. C. Morgan
4. Councillors D. Bevan
5. G. A. Davies
6. L. Parsons
7. C. Smith
8. L. Winnett
9. D. Woods

**** Chair and Vice Chair of Scrutiny Committees to be invited without voting rights.***

Governance & Audit Committee
9 Members – Proportionality 4:2 plus 3 Lay Members

Chair **To be agreed at Committee**

1. Vice Chair - Councillor S. Behr
2. Councillors D. Bevan
3. J. P. Morgan
4. C. Smith
5. T. Smith
6. J. Wilkins
7. Lay Member - Mrs. C. Hucker
8. Lay Member – Mr. M. Veale
9. Lay Member – Mrs. J. Absalom

Governance & Audit Committee Appointments Panel
3:2

1. Councillor S. Behr
 2. Councillor J. P. Morgan
 3. Councillor C. Smith
 4. Councillor T. Smith
 5. Councillor J. Wilkins
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**Ethics & Standards Committee - 9 Members –
(3 County Borough Councillors/5 External Members/
1 Community Council Member)**

1. Town Councillor J. Rawcliffe
2. Mr. R. Lynch
3. Mr. Stephen Williams
4. Mr. R. Alexander
5. Mrs Sarah Rosser
6. Miss J. White
7. Councillor M. Cross
8. Councillor J. Thomas
9. Councillor L. Winnett

**Longlisting/Shortlisting – JNC Officers
7 Members – Proportionality 5:2**

1. Leader or Deputy Leader
 2. Cabinet Member for appropriate Portfolio
 3. Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
 4. Vice-Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
 5. Councillor S. Behr
 6. Councillor J. Hill
 7. Councillor G. Thomas
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Labour Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor P. Baldwin
2. Councillor D. Bevan
3. Councillor J. Thomas
4. Councillor L. Winnett

Independent Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor G. A. Davies
2. Councillor J. Holt

Appointments Committee – JNC Officers

7 Members – Proportionality 5:2

1. Chair – Leader or Deputy Leader
2. Cabinet Member for appropriate Portfolio
3. Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
4. Vice- Chair of appropriate Scrutiny Committee
5. Councillor S. Behr
6. Councillor J. Hill
7. Councillor G. Thomas

***N.B. Appointments to be made by group leader as required. Cabinet Member of Appropriate Portfolio(s)
Scrutiny Chair of Appropriate Portfolio(s)***

Labour Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor P. Baldwin
2. Councillor D. Bevan
3. Councillor J. Thomas
4. Councillor L. Winnett

Independent Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor G. A. Davies
 2. Councillor J. Holt
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Longlisting/Shortlisting – Chief Executive - 7 Members
– Proportionality 5:2

1. Leader of the Council
2. Deputy Leader of the Council
3. Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
4. Deputy Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
5. Councillor S. Behr
6. Councillor C. Smith
7. Councillor T. Smith

Officer additions if appropriate

Labour Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor P. Baldwin
2. Councillor D. Bevan
3. Councillor J. Thomas
4. Councillor L. Winnett

Independent Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor J. Holt
2. Councillor L. Parsons

Appointment - Chief Executive

Full Council Appointment.

Appeals Committee

****1 Member to be selected from the following to Chair the Committee:-***

Chair of People Scrutiny Committee
Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee
Chair of Partnership Scrutiny Committee
Chair of Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee

**** 1 Member to be selected from the following Labour Group Members:-***

Councillors 1. S. Behr
2. J. Thomas
3. L. Winnett

**** 1 Member to be selected from the following Independent Group Members:-***

Councillors 1. G. Humphreys
2. J.P. Morgan
3. G. Thomas

**** On a Rolling Rota***

Labour Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor P. Baldwin
2. Councillor M. Cross
3. Councillor E. Jones
4. Councillor T. Smith

Independent Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor D. Davies
2. Councillor G. Davies
3. Councillor J. Hill

**Investigating & Disciplinary Committee
(JNC & Chief Officers)**

- Councillors
1. CHAIR J. Thomas
 2. M. Cross
 3. C. Smith
 4. T. Smith
 5. L. Winnett

**11. SPECIAL AND AD HOC
COMMITTEES/CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

Gwent Public Service Board

1. **Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member –
Corporate & Performance**
Councillor S. Thomas

Gwent Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee

1. Councillor E. Jones
2. Councillor T. Smith

Consultation with Trade Unions

1. Leader/ Cabinet Member – Corporate & Performance
2. Deputy Leader /Cabinet Member – Place & Environment
3. Appropriate Portfolio Member(s)

Fostering Panel (Social Services)

1. Councillor D. Rowberry

Substitute: Councillor - **to be confirmed**

Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Care and Repair Board

1. Councillor S. Behr
2. Councillor E. Jones

Education Admissions Forum

1. **Cabinet Member – People & Education**
Councillor S. Edmunds
2. **Chair – People Scrutiny Committee**
Councillor T. Smith

Schools Forum

1. **Cabinet Member – People & Education**
Councillor S. Edmunds
2. **Chair – People Scrutiny Committee**
Councillor T. Smith

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

1. **Cabinet Member – People & Education**
Councillor S. Edmunds
 2. **Chair – People Scrutiny Committee**
Councillor T. Smith
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**Getting to know our Schools Sub-Group
(Same Membership as Scrutiny Committee)**

1. **Chair – People Scrutiny Committee**
Councillor T. Smith
 2. **Vice Chair – People Scrutiny Committee**
Councillor J. Morgan, J.P.
 3. Councillors S. Behr
 4. D. Bevan
 5. J. Gardner
 6. J. Hill
 7. J. Holt
 8. G. Thomas
 9. D. Wilkshire
- * **Chair and Vice Chair to endeavour to be at each Meeting.**
- ** **All members to be invited to attend Sub-Group Meeting.**

Safer Schools Partnership Board

1. Councillor T. Smith

Town/Community Councils Liaison Committee

1. Leader / Cabinet Member – Corporate & Performance (Chair)
 2. Deputy Leader/ Cabinet Member – Place & Environment
 3. Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development
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4. Cabinet Member – People & Education
5. Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

Constitution Working Group

1. Leader of the Council
2. Deputy Leader of the Council
3. Leader of the Independent Group
4. Deputy Leader of the Independent Group
5. Presiding Member

Freedom of the Borough – Cross Party Working Group

1. Councillor D. Bevan
2. Councillor J. Hill
3. Councillor G. Humphreys
4. Councillor C. Smith
5. Councillor D. Wilkshire

Leisure and Libraries Strategic Group

1. Leader of the Council (Chair)
2. Cabinet Member – People & Education

GRANTS WORKING GROUP
14 Members - Proportionality 9:5

1 Member from each Ward on a political proportionality basis.

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| 1. Councillor | L. Parsons | (Llanhilleth Ward) |
| 2. | K. Chaplin | (Abertillery & Six Bells Ward) |
| 3. | J. Gardner | (Brynmawr Ward) |
| 4. | M. Day | (Cwmtillery Ward) |
| 5. | L. Winnett | (Blaina Ward) |
| 6. | C. Smith | (Beaufort Ward) |
| 7. | G. Humphreys | (Cwm Ward) |
| 8. | D. Rowberry | (Sirhowy Ward) |
| 9. | J. Millard | (Ebbw Vale South Ward) |
| 10. | D. Davies | (Ebbw Vale North Ward) |
| 11. | S. Thomas | (Tredegar Ward) |
| 12. | J. Thomas | (Georgetown Ward) |
| 13. | G. A. Davies | (Rassau & Garnlydan Ward) |
| 14. | P. Baldwin | (Nantyglo Ward) |

**Advisory Panel for the Appointment of Local Authority
Governors'**

1. **Cabinet Member – People & Education
(Chair)**

Councillor S. Edmunds

2. Councillor D. Bevan
3. Councillor D. Davies
4. Councillor G. A. Davies
5. Councillor J. Hill
6. Councillor T. Smith

Labour Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor J. Gardner
2. Councillor E. Jones
3. Councillor D. Wilkshire
4. Councillor D. Woods

Independent Group Substitutes:

1. Councillor J.P. Morgan
2. Councillor G. Thomas

***Observer: A representative of the Blaenau Gwent
School Governors' Association (BGSGA)***

Community Asset Transfer Steering Group

1. **Cabinet Member – Place & Environment**
Councillor H. Cunningham
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Tredegar Advisory Board

Advisory Board Chair – Councillor M. Cross

1. Councillor T. Smith – Sirhowy Ward representative
2. Councillor J. Thomas – Georgetown Ward representative
3. Councillor H. Trollope – Tredegar Ward representative

Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration & Economic Development

Cost Pressure Sub-Group

1. **Leader of the Council/Cabinet Member – Corporate & Performance**
Councillor S. Thomas
 2. **Deputy Leader of the Council/ Cabinet Member - Place & Environment**
Councillor H. Cunningham
 3. **Cabinet Member – People & Social Services**
Councillor H. Trollope
 4. **Cabinet Member – People & Education**
Councillor S. Edmunds
 5. **Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development**
Councillor J. C. Morgan
 6. **Chair of Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee**
Councillor J. Wilkins
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7. **Vice Chair of Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor J. Thomas

Blaenau Gwent Enterprise Board

1. Leader or Deputy Leader
2. Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development
3. Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services

Corporate Parenting Board

1. Cabinet Member – People & Social Services
2. Chair of People Scrutiny Committee
3. Councillor D. Bevan
4. Councillor J. Gardner
5. Councillor J. Morgan, J.P.

Cost of Living Crisis Cross Party Working Group

1. Cabinet Member – Corporate & Performance
2. Cabinet Member – Place & Environment
3. Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development
4. Cabinet Member – People & Social Services
5. Cabinet Member – People & Education

6. Chair of Corporate & Performance Scrutiny Committee
7. Smart Money, Poverty & Inequality Champion
8. Councillor G. Humphreys

Straying Animals/Animal Trespass Working Group

1. Cabinet Member – Place & Environment (Chair)
2. Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee
3. Councillor J. Holt
4. Councillor L. Winnett

Housing and Homelessness Strategy Working Group

1. Cabinet Member – Place & Environment (Chair)
2. Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development
3. Councillor S. Behr
4. Councillor W. Hodgins

MEMBER CHAMPIONS

Equalities, Welsh Language and Diversity

Councillor C. Smith

Age Friendly

Councillor H. Trollope

Smart Money, Poverty and Inequality

Councillor J. Gardner

Climate Mitigation

Councillor S. Behr

Armed Forces

Councillor D. Bevan

Wellbeing

Councillor J. Thomas

Digital

Councillor R. Leadbeater

12.

COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Upon a vote being taken it was unanimously,

RESOLVED that the following be appointed:

Adult Learning Wales (formerly Workers' Educational Association YMCA Wales Community Council)

Scrutiny Chair – People

Age Concern Gwent Executive Committee Membership

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

The Alliance

Scrutiny Chair – Place

Scrutiny Vice-Chair - Place

Aneurin Bevan Health Board - Independent Review Panel to meet Continuing Health Care Needs

Scrutiny Chair – People

Bannau Brycheiniog (Formerly known as Brecon Beacons National Park)

Councillor P. Baldwin

Book Council of Wales

Councillor S. Edmunds

Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Cabinet

Leader of the Council

Substitute – Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development

South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(formerly Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Regional Scrutiny Committee)

Scrutiny Chair – Place

Councillor M. Cross

Substitute: Scrutiny Vice-Chair – Place

Councillor R. Leadbeater

South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee – Audit & Governance Committee

Scrutiny Chair - Place

Councillor M. Cross

South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee – Strategic Planning Working Group

Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development

Councillor J. C. Morgan

CSC (Compound Semi Conductor Board (Part of IQE Investment through City Deal))

Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development

Cabinet Member – Place & Environment

CCR Regional Transport Authority (including statutory sub-committees)

Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development

Duke of Beaufort's Breconshire Estate Commoner's Association

Councillor M. Cross

Education Achievement Service (E.A.S);

Company Board

Cabinet Member – Place & Regeneration and Economic Development

Substitute: Cabinet Member – Place & Environment

Joint Executive Group (JEG)

Cabinet Member – People & Education

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Councillor T. Smith

Councillor L. Winnett

Gwent Police and Crime Panel

Councillor G. A. Davies

Councillor J. Thomas

G.A.V.O. - Executive Committee

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

Councillor H. Trollope

G.A.V.O. - Local Committee

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

Councillor H. Trollope

Greater Gwent Cremation Joint Committee

Scrutiny Vice-Chair – Place

Councillor R. Leadbeater

Substitute: Councillor C. Smith

Gwent Archives Joint Committee

Cabinet Member – People & Education
Councillor S. Edmunds

Councillor H. Trollope

Gwent Regional Partnership Board

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

Joint Council for Wales

Employers Side

Cabinet Member – Corporate & Performance

Local Government Association

Leader

Deputy Leader

Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust

Councillor M. Cross

National Adoption Service Governance Board

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee

Scrutiny Chair – Place

Councillor M. Cross

Substitute: Scrutiny Vice-Chair - Place

Councillor R. Leadbeater

**Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Wales –
Local Government Representation**

Councillor D. Bevan

SRS Strategic Board

Councillor R. Leadbeater

South Wales Fire Authority

Councillor J. Morgan, J.P.

Tai Calon Board

Councillor S. Behr
Councillor E. Jones

Vision in Wales

(formerly Wales Council for the Blind)

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services
Scrutiny Chair – People

Welsh Local Government Association

Leader of the Council

WLGA Executive Board

Leader of the Council

WLGA Council and Voting

Leader of the Council

Substitute: Deputy Leader of the Council

WLGA – All Wales Social Services Policy Group

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

WLGA - Environment Champion

Cabinet Member – Place & Environment

WLGA. - Finance Working Group

Officer Appointment

Chief Officer Resources

Ms R. Hayden

**WLGA - Corporate Affairs – Public Private Partnership
Ltd – Management Board**

Member Appointment

Cabinet Member – Corporate & Performance

**WLGA - Cultural Affairs & Leisure –
South Wales Regional Committee**

Cabinet Member – Place & Environment

WPGA Rural Forum

Councillor C. Smith

Wales Council for Deaf People

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

Welsh Joint Education Committee

Cabinet Member – People & Education

Youth Offending Service - Local Management Board

Cabinet Member – People & Social Services

LEA REPRESENTATION ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

School	Current LEA Representative	Term of Office Ends
Abertillery Learning Community	Mr. Daryl Tovey Mr Richard Bevan Mr Michael Lyn Davies Vacancy Vacancy	13/09/2028 09/07/2024 16/01/2028
All Saints R. C. Primary	Mr Tim Baxter Vacancy Vacancy	30/08/2027
Beaufort Hill Primary	Mr. Roy Lynch Mr Rhion Hollister Belinda Tolman	16/07/2025 31/10/2025 14/11/2027
Blaen-y-Cwm Primary	Ms Natasha Tepielow Stephen Connolly Mrs Keri Langley Vacancy	13/03/2028 20/06/2025 18/01/2027
Bryn Bach Primary	Ms. Gemma Badham Councillor Malcolm Cross Nyree Davies-Jones	24/01/2026 14/11/2027

Brynmawr Foundation	Councillor John Hill Gail Watkins Vacancy	24/01/2026 12/09/2027
Canolfan Yr Afon (The River Centre)	Jan English Jacqueline Gwynne Julie Sambrook Councillor Jen Morgan, J.P. Additional representatives: Richard Barrett Ms Lesley Bush	03/03/2025 29/06/2026 16/01/2028 13/03/2028
Coed y Garn Primary	Mr. Kenneth Jones Councillor Sonia Behr Joan Price	29/07/2026 18/01/2027 12/09/2027
Cwm Primary	Councillor Derrick Bevan Mrs Kathryn Cross Ms. Natalie Marshall	30/01/2028 18/07/2025 30/09/2027
Deighton Primary Tredegar	Councillor Haydn Trollope Councillor Jaqueline Thomas Delyth Pearsall Councillor Ellen Jones	16/07/2025 13/08/2024 03/03/2025 29/06/2026
Ebbw Fawr Learning Community	Clive Meredith Adam King Mr Jon Mower Councillor George Humphreys Ms Joanne Davies	31/08/2024 20/06/2025 29/06/2026 18/01/2027 09/07/2027
Georgetown Primary Tredegar	Councillor John C. Morgan Ms Donna Hardman Councillor Jacqueline Thomas	24/03/2025 24/01/2026 14/11/2027

Glanhowy Primary, Tredegar	Miss Joanne Davies Councillor Tommy Smith Ms. Laura Jones	09/07/2024 09/10/2025
Glyncoed Primary	Clive Meredith Councillor Chris Smith Ms Vikki Curtis Vacancy	31/08/2024 16/03/2027 14/11/2027
Penycwm Special	Hannah Williams Tim Baxter Councillor Jen Morgan, J.P.	03/03/2025 18/11/2026
Rhos y Fedwen Primary	Councillor David Wilkshire Councillor Gareth A. Davies Councillor Sue Edmunds	25/07/2025 24/01/2026 14/05/2027
Sofrydd Primary	Debra Fields Mrs Keri Jones Vacancy	24/01/2026 18/01/2027
St. Illtyd's Primary	Mrs Keri Jones Lucy Allsopp Sara Long	18/01/2027 13/09/2024 29/06/2026
St. Joseph's R.C. Primary	Councillor Malcolm Cross	24/01/2026
St Marys Brynmawr CIW Primary	Claire Gardner	09/07/2024
St. Mary's RC Primary Brynmawr	Angela Davies	24/04/2026
Tredegar Comprehensive	Councillor John C. Morgan Councillor Haydn Trollope Ms. Melanie Rogers Mr Peter Harriman Adrian Tuck	24/03/2025 16/07/2025 11/07/2027 24/01/2026 07/03/2026

Willowtown Primary	Mrs Sian Barrett Vacancy Vacancy	16/12/2027
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw	Councillor Sue Edmunds	16/03/2027
Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg, Blaina	Mrs Tracey Dyson Councillor Peter Baldwin Rebecca Legge	18/11/2026 21/09/2026 21/09/2026
Ystruth Primary	Councillor Lisa Winnett Kerys Beese Melanie Rogers Vacancy	02/08/2024 03/03/2025 12/09/2027

13.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Consideration was given to the following:-

Advisory Panel for Local Authority Governors

The following recommendations were made by the Panel on 15th May, 2024 to appoint in principle:

- **Pen-y-Cwm Special School** – Hannah Williams
- **Glanhowy Primary School** – Laura Jones
- **Bryn Bach Primary School** – Gemma Badham

It was, thereupon, unanimously,

RESOLVED that the above appointments be endorsed.

Rural Development Programme – Local Action Group

It was noted that the above-named Local Action Group had been disbanded.

14.

ANNUAL CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2024/2025

Members considered the report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.

It was unanimously,

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Option 1 be endorsed, namely that:

- (i) The proposed annual cycle of meetings 2024/2025 attached at Appendix 1 be approved.
- (ii) The decision-making process to deal with any urgent business during the August recess be approved:
 - a. the Leader and Deputy Leader in conjunction with appropriate Cabinet Members and Officers deal with any urgent items from 1st – 31st August, 2024 (i.e. a Special Meeting of the Cabinet would be convened at short notice recognising that the matter was urgent and the call-in procedure would apply). The Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service in conjunction with the Leadership would determine if a matter was urgent; and
 - b. decisions should be limited to urgent matters and recorded on a decision schedule presented to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council. No controversial or sensitive matters should be dealt with during this period.

15.

PRESIDING MEMBER FUND – PROPOSALS FOR USE (TRANCHE 2)

Consideration was given to the report of the Presiding Member.

It was unanimously,

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and a total of £5,993.92 from the Fund be allocated as follows:

Amount £	Organisation / Project
600	Mile Field Allotment Association, Georgetown
472.94	Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum / Book Publication
500	Bedwellty Pits Public Seating
300	Kids R Us / Vulnerable Adults project
200	Cymru Creations
200	Gymfinity
200	Georgetown Community Centre / Food Bank
325	Beaufort Hill Primary School / Welsh in the Play Yard
325	Glyncoed Primary School / Outdoor Learning
204.84	Georgetown Primary School
204.84	Kids R Us
80.00	Community Interest Company Nantyglo* / establishment of garden / growing space around Attlee Road
2,381.30	Blaenau Gwent Food Bank

** CIC not formally established currently, contribution to be released following formal incorporation*