

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25TH APRIL 2024

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR J. WILKINS (CHAIR)

Councillors J. Thomas (Vice-Chair)

J. Holt

J. Hill

R. Leadbeater

C. Smith

T. Smith

WITH: Interim Chief Executive
Interim Corporate Director Social Services
Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services
Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships
Chief Officer – Customer and Commercial
Service Manager – Commercial & Business Development
Service Manager – Accountancy
Service Manager – Policy & Partnerships
Welsh Language Support Officer
Service Manager – Customer Experience & Transformation
Service Manager – Young People & Partnerships

AND: Mr. P. Sykes, Aneurin Leisure Trust

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
No. 1	<u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u> It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.
No. 2	<u>APOLOGIES</u>

	<p>The following apologies for absence were received:-</p> <p>Councillor E. Jones; Interim Corporate Director Education; and Head of Organisational Development</p>
No. 3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>
No. 4	<p><u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the Meeting held on 14th March, 2024.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
No. 7	<p><u>ACTION SHEET</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Action Sheet.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the information therein be noted.</p>
No. 6	<p><u>CS092 INVESTIGATION ACTION PLAN</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance and Partnerships.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the CS092 Final Progress Report (Appendix 1) be accepted and supported the approach to be presented to Cabinet (Option 1).</p>
No. 7	<p><u>COMMERCIAL STRATEGY FOR THE COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Officer Customer and Commercial.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the Committee endorsed the Commercial Strategy and recommended to Cabinet for approval (Option 1).</p>
No. 8	<p><u>LIBRARY</u></p>

Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.

RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

Consideration was given to the report of the Service Manager – Young People and Partnerships.

A Member proposed an Option 4, that the report be deferred, in order for the Impact Assessment to be provided along with the missing information on the cost to the Local Authority and consultation to be undertaken with the local community.

This proposed was seconded.

Upon a vote being taken

The Committee AGREED, subject to the foregoing, the alternative Option 4 be agreed, that the report be deferred, in order for the Impact Assessment to be provided along with the missing information on the cost to the Local Authority and consultation to be undertaken with the local community.
