

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: **THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

SUBJECT: **PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19TH MARCH, 2024**

REPORT OF: **DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

PRESENT: Councillor T. Smith (Chair)

Councillors J. Morgan, J.P.
D. Bevan
J. Gardner
G. Thomas
G. Humphreys
J.P. Morgan
D. Wilkshire

WITH: Interim Corporate Director of Education
Interim Head of School Improvement and Inclusion
Service Manager Education Transformation &
Business Change
Scrutiny & Democratic Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</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> An apology for absence was reported for the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services.	

<p>No. 3</p>	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>	
<p>No. 4</p>	<p><u>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 30th January, 2024 (10.00 am).</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
<p>No. 5</p>	<p><u>ACTION SHEET</u></p> <p>There were no actions arising from the meeting held on 30th January, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>No. 6</p>	<p><u>PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>The decisions of the People Scrutiny Committee held on 30th January, 2024 (12.15 pm).</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
<p>No. 7</p>	<p><u>ACTION SHEET</u></p> <p>There were no actions arising from the meeting held on 30th January, 2024 at 12.15 a.m.</p>	
<p>No. 8</p>	<p><u>IMPROVING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Interim Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>The Chair commended the schools outlined in the report on their positive inspections, and thanked staff, pupils and the Education Department for their input in the inspection process.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted as presented (Option 2).</p>	

<p>No. 9</p>	<p><u>EDUCATION DIGITAL STRATEGY</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Education Transformation & Business Change.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted, and recommended to Cabinet for approval (Option 1).</p>	
<p>No. 10</p>	<p><u>BLAENAU GWENT ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR NURSERY AND STATUTORY EDUCATION 2025/26</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Education Transformation & Business Change.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report and Policy document be accepted (Option 1).</p>	