

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27TH JUNE, 2024

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR J. WILKINS (CHAIR)

Councillors K. Chaplin
J. Hill
R. Leadbeater
C. Smith
T. Smith

WITH: Interim Corporate Director Social Services
Corporate Director Education
Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services
Chief Officer Resources
Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships
Service Manager – Policy & Partnerships
Head of Organisational Development
Service Manager Customer Experience & Transformation
Professional Lead for Strategic Partnerships
Policy Officer – Age Friendly Nation
Professional Lead for Engagement, Equality & Welsh Language

<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.

<p>No. 2</p>	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>The following apologies for absence were received:-</p> <p>Councillor G. Davies; Councillor E. Jones; and Chief Officer Customer and Commercial</p>
<p>No. 3</p>	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</u></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>
<p>No. 4</p>	<p><u>TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS</u></p> <p>The Committee AGREED that future meetings would be held at 10.00 a.m. with a pre-meeting at 9.30 a.m.</p>
<p>No. 5</p>	<p><u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the Meeting held on 25th April, 2024.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
<p>No. 6</p>	<p><u>BLAENAU GWENT ENGAGEMENT & PARTICIPATION STRATEGY</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Joint report of the Head of Governance, Partnerships & Democratic Services and Service Manager – Policy & Partnerships.</p> <p>A Member proposed that meetings be held later in day for a trial period to encourage members of the public to view council meetings. It was further proposed that a working group be established to ascertain how the public would like to see the Council engaging in communities.</p>

	<p>The proposals were seconded, and</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and made recommendations prior to consideration for approval at Council (Option 2), as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) meetings be held later in day for a trial period; and (b) a working group be established to ascertain on how the public would like to see the Council engaging in communities.
No. 7	<p><u>MENSTRUATION/MENOPAUSE POLICY</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Organisational Development.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and supported the Menstruation/Menopause Policy to progress to Council for endorsement (Option 1).</p>
No. 8	<p><u>WELSH LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Governance, Partnerships & Democratic Services.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and submit the draft Welsh Language Annual Report 2023/24 to Cabinet for continued monitoring (Option 1).</p>