

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: CABINET – 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

**PRESENT: Leader/
Cabinet Member - Corporate Overview & Performance
Councillor S. Thomas**

**Deputy Leader/
Cabinet Member – Place and Environment
Councillor H. Cunningham**

**Cabinet Member – Place and Regeneration
Councillor J.C. Morgan**

**Cabinet Member – People & Social Services
Councillor H. Trollope**

**Cabinet Member – People & Education
Councillor S. Edmunds**

**WITH: Joint Chief Executive
Chief Officer Resources
Chief Officer Customer and Commercial
Corporate Director of Education
Interim Corporate Director of Social Services
Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance
Press & Public Relations Officer**

DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

<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> An apology for absence was given for the Corporate Director Regeneration and Community Services.
No. 3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.
	<u>DECISIONS</u>
No. 4	<u>CABINET</u> Consideration was given to the decisions of the Special Cabinet Meeting held on 29 th April, 2024. RESOLVED that the decisions be received as a true record of proceedings.
No. 5	<u>PROPOSED CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024-25</u> Consideration was given to report of the Scrutiny & Democratic Officer. RESOLVED that the Cabinet Forward Work Programme 2024-25 be accepted.

	<u>CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO</u>
No. 6	<p><u>CS092 INVESTIGATION ACTION PLAN FINAL PROGRESS REPORT</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted, and Option 1 be agreed, namely:</p> <p>To consider and support both the Final CS092 Investigation Action Plan Progress Report and request to continue conducting regular core group meetings with a revised membership.</p> <p>Recommendation to Cabinet It is therefore, recommended that Cabinet agree to receive continued monitoring of the Welsh Language Standards following the closure of the recent investigation.</p>
No. 7	<p><u>WELSH LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Head of Democratic Services, Governance & Partnerships.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the draft Welsh Language Annual Report 2023/24 be approved for continued performance monitoring (Option 1).</p>
No. 8	<p><u>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2023/2024 – PROVISIONAL OUTTURN</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Service Manager Accountancy.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Option 1 be approved, namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members consider and provide appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report; and • Note the application of reserves.

<p>No. 9</p>	<p><u>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING, PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR (AS AT 31 MARCH 2024)</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to report of the Chief Officer Resources.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Members accept the report (Option 1) and:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide appropriate challenge to the financial outcomes in the report. • Continue to support appropriate financial control procedures agreed by Council. • To note the budgetary control and monitoring procedures in place within the Capital Team, to safeguard Authority funding.
<p>No. 10</p>	<p><u>PEOPLE & EDUCATION PORTFOLIO</u></p> <p><u>SAFEGUARDING PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICES 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024 AND EDUCATION AUTUMN & SPRING TERM 2023-24</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to joint report of the Interim Corporate Director of Social Services and the Corporate Director of Education.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report and the approach and information detailed in the report be accepted (Option 1).</p>