

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

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

**SUBJECT: PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024**

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

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**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M. CROSS (CHAIR)**

Councillors R. Leadbeater  
S. Behr  
K. Chaplin  
G.A. Davies  
W. Hodgins  
J. Gardner  
L Parsons  
J. Millard  
D. Rowberry

**WITH:** Head of Community Services  
Service Manager – Neighbourhood Services  
Service Manager – Policy and Partnerships  
Policy Officer – CCTV  
Service Manager – Business and Regeneration  
Team Manager – Natural Environment  
Ecologist  
Communications and Marketing Officer  
Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

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

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| <p><b>No. 3</b></p> | <p><b><u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.</p>  |
| <p><b>No. 4</b></p> | <p><b><u>PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the decisions of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED, that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>   |
| <p><b>No. 5</b></p> | <p><b><u>ACTION SHEET</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Action Sheet.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>  |
| <p><b>No. 6</b></p> | <p><b><u>PROPOSED SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024-25</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and suggested amendments prior to agreeing the Forward Work Programme (Option 2).</p>   |
| <p><b>No. 7</b></p> | <p><b><u>PUBLIC SPACE CCTV SYSTEM ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2023/24</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the joint report of the Service Manager: Policy &amp; Partnerships, Policy Officer: CCTV and the Chief Officer Resources/Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO).</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and recommended to the Cabinet the approval of the Annual Monitoring Report to be published on the Council's website (Option 1).</p> |

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No. 8

**DECLARING NATURE EMERGENCY AND**  
**ADOPTING LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY ACTION PLAN**  
**(LNRAP) & POLLINATOR POLICY**

Consideration was given to the report the Ecologist.

The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and it was recommended that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:-

1. Declared a Nature Emergency
  2. Approved the adoption of the LNRAP,
  3. Approved the adoption of the Pollinator Policy
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