

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

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

SUBJECT: PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28TH JANUARY, 2025

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M. CROSS (CHAIR)

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

WITH: Corporate Director Regeneration & Community Services
Service Manager – Estates & Strategic Asset Management
Service Manager – Business & Regeneration
Team Manager – Housing Solutions
Team Manager – Regeneration Operations
Communications & Marketing Officer
Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

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

No. 2	<u>APOLOGIES</u> The following apologies for absence were received:- Head of Community Services Service Manager Neighbourhood Services Service Manager – Public Protection
No. 3	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.
No. 4	<u>PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u> Consideration was given to the decisions of the meeting held on 22 nd October, 2024. The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.
No. 5	<u>ACTION SHEET</u> Consideration was given to the Action Sheet. The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.
No. 6	<u>FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – 11TH MARCH, 2025</u> Consideration was given to the report of the Scrutiny and Democratic Officer. The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and made amendments to the topics scheduled for the meeting on the 11 th March, 2025; suggested any additional invitees that the committee requires to fully consider the reports; and requested any additional information to be included with regards to the topics to be discussed (Option 2).

No. 7

PROPOSED ACQUISITION

To receive and consider the following report which in the opinion of the proper officer was an exempt item taking into account consideration of the public interest test and that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting (the reason for the decision for the exemptions was available on a schedule maintained by the proper officer).

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 Corporate Director of Regeneration & Community Services.

The Committee AGREED that the report which contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) be accepted and Option 3 be endorsed.
