**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCILLORS ANNUAL REPORT**

This is the report by the Councillor named below regarding their key activities over the year ending 30th April 2023. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

*Completion instructions: Councillors are free to include as much or as little information as they wish in each section, however the report is to be kept to this* ***2 page maximum*** *format.*

**Councillor: Lisa Winnett**

**Party: Labour**

**Ward: Blaina**

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| **Section 1 – Roles and Responsibilities** |
| Chair of Planning, Chair of General Licensing and Chair of Sub Committee, Chair of Statutory Licensing and Chair of Sub Committee, Director & Chair of Silent Valley Waste Services Ltd.  Member of the following Council committees, Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, Ethics & Standards Committee, Safer Blaenau Gwent Community Partnership Committee, Partnership Scrutiny, Straying Animals Working Group, ARAC Audit & Risk Assurance Committee & Democratic Service Committee.  LEA Governor of Ystruth Primary & Parent Governor of Brynmawr Foundation School. I also sit on various separate committees in each school as part of my role as a governor.  Regular 3 weekly meetings with Gwent Police Inspector for Blaenau Gwent, and also separate regular meetings/phone calls with our Neighbourhood Police Officer. |
| **Section 2: Constituency Activity** |
| Representing and helping residents with various methods of help, from written help/representation to verbal advice on predominantly Council issues and have dealt with some very complex issues that were being experienced.  Residents also approach me regarding Police, Tai Calon, and other matters and I will try and support/advise/represent/liaise where possible, but these matters are outside of my remit as a Councillor, but I will always try to help and support where possible.  Working with senior officers and residents to obtain a grant for Cwmcelyn Pond, and I have had numerous ward meetings withofficers/residents andinternal meetings to work to try and obtain this grant from an outside body (Still on going at the time of writing).  Working with local Sporting groups & Local Farmers to address the issues in our ward, which also includes site meetings.  Helping to bring events to our area.  Dealing with some very complex issues in my ward on behalf of residents, which due to GDPR I cannot divulge. Site meetings with residents on issues in the ward.  Working to try and find ways to improve our area, and the hardest part of this is trying to obtain/find funding, due to the financial restraint’s councils are under.  Working with officers in the council to make Henwain coal tip safe (completed), and also to improve the drainage run off from this tip onto Maeshafod/Henwain Street. |

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| **Section 3: Cabinet and Scrutiny Activities** |
| Silent Valley Waste Services Ltd, working to bring the company back in house and dealing with the Hiving up agreement (Back in house now). Chairing of regular Board meetings, also working with Unions regarding the TUPE transfer, meetings with external auditors and external solicitors who represented the Ltd. Company. Finalising the financial, audit and legal aspects of a now dormant company.  Audit Wales Review of Planning Services.  Cabinet Member Regeneration Briefings (attendance in role of Chair of Planning).  Working with Senior Planning officers to improve Planning Committee. Chairing meetings of other wards with the relevant ward councillors and planning officers if there is a planning/enforcement issue in their ward.  Regular meetings/phone calls/emails with Planning/enforcement officers, and this can and is usually a daily occurrence.  Regular meetings with Licensing Officers regarding pub/gambling/taxi licenses |
| **Section 4: Training and Development** |
| Undertaking regular training and personal development. |
| **Section 5: Initiatives, Special Activities and Issues** |
| PSV with Gwent Police. Animal Welfare. Environment. |
| **Signature of Councillor: LC Winnett**  **Date: 13/09/2023** |