**Statutory Notices 2023/2024**

The 2023/2024 Draft Statement of Accounts for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council are being prepared in accordance with the relevant CIPFA Accounting Codes of Practice, Accounting Standards and Statutory provisions. However, these Accounts have not been completed and certified by the Responsible Financial Officer by 31 May 2024 and therefore the following notice is required in compliance with section 10(4) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014:

The Statement of Accounts for 2023/2024 has not yet been completed due to prioritisation of the completion and audit of the 2022/2023 accounts. Consequently, the Responsible Financial Officer has not signed and certified the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Authority intends to complete the preparation of the Draft Statement of Accounts by 30 September 2024. At that time, the Responsible Financial Officer will consider the requirement to sign and certify the Accounts in compliance with the relevant regulations.

Further to completion, the Draft Accounts will be subject to public inspection and external audit as required by the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations and the Public Audit Wales Act. The Authority intends to publish the Draft Accounts by 30 September 2024 when considered to be materially accurate and not misleading to the user and (subject to completion of the audit) present the Final Accounts to Governance & Audit Committee before 31 December 2024 for consideration and approval.