



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

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RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 20th November, 2014

Agenda Item 7

SUBJECT:

Improving Primary Education Provision in Wattstown

Cabinet Members Present County Borough Councillors:

A.Morgan (Chairman), P.Cannon, R.Bevan, A.Crimmings, M.Forey,
E.Hanagan, G.Hopkins, K.Montague and M.Webber

Other Members in Attendance County Borough Councillors:

C.Davies, L.Langford and E.Webster

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

- To note the 24 statutory objections that have been received by the published closing date in respect of the proposal to close Aberllechau Primary School and transfer its education provision to Pontygwaith Primary School.
- To close Aberllechau Primary School on the 31st December, 2014 and transfer the pupils and the Learning Support Class to Pontygwaith Primary School.

Note: With the permission of the Chairman, County Borough Councillor L.Langford spoke on this item and raised concerns about the closure of the school and the effects on the Community.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- The need to advise Members of the outcome of the recent publication of a statutory notice in respect of proposals to close Aberllechau Primary School and transfer pupils to Pontygwaith Primary School.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- Report to Cabinet – 23rd September, 2014.
- Statutory Notice to progress the proposal to progress to the next stage was published on 3rd October, 2014 and the 28 day statutory period to receive objections ended on 30th October, 2014.

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- In accordance with the Code of Conduct, County Borough Councillor R.Bevan declared a personal and prejudicial interest – “I am a Governor of Pontygwaith Primary School which would be the receiving school if it was decided to close Aberllechau Primary” Councillor Bevan left the meeting when the matter was discussed and voted upon.

5. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

N/A

6. (a) IS THE DECISION URGENT AND NOT TO BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YES NO ✓

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

6. (b) IF YES, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS URGENT:

N/A

6. (c) SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)



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(Proper Officer)

24th November, 2014.....
(Dated)