



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 19th May, 2015.

Agenda Item 2

SUBJECT:

Reorganising Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Sixth Form provision in the Rhondda Valley and Tonyrefail.

**Cabinet Members Present
County Borough Councillors:**

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

**Apology for absence
County Borough Councillor:**
P Cannon & K Montague.

**Other Member(s) in attendance
County Borough Councillor(s)**
J Rosser, P Griffiths, M Powell & S Rees-Owen, C Davies, T
Leyshon, E Webster

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

- To note the information contained within the attached consultation report, which includes details of items of correspondence received during the consultation exercises and notes of the various meetings held.
- To note the publication and distribution of the Consultation Reports to the relevant stakeholders as required by Welsh Government,
- To progress the proposals to reorganise Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Sixth Form provision in the Rhondda Valleys and Tonyrefail areas to the next stage of the review processes by issuing appropriate statutory notices.
- That the four statutory notices to be published will advise of:-
 - The alteration of the age range of pupils that may be admitted to Ferndale Community School, from 11-19 years to 11 – 16 years, resulting in the removal of the sixth form provision
 - The closure of Porth Infants, Porth Juniors, Llwyncelyn Infants and Porth County Community Schools and the creation of a new 3 – 16 Middle School for Porth, with a dedicated Unit for pupils with ALN at this school, encompassing four key stages of provision. There will be no sixth form provision at this school.
 - The closure of Penygraig infants, Penygraig Juniors, Tonypandy Primary, Ysgol yr Eos and Tonypandy Community College and the creation of a new 3 -16 Middle School for Tonypandy. There will be no sixth form provision at this school.
 - The closure of Tonyrefail Primary and Tonyrefail Comprehensive Schools and the creation of a new 3 – 19 school for Tonyrefail.
- That any traffic assessments undertaken in respect of any travel improvements be undertaken at school peak hours.

N.B With the permission of the Chair the following County Borough Councillors and members of the public addressed the Committee:-

- County Borough Councillors –S Rees-Owen & M Powell
- Members of the Public – N Jones, M Hitchings, J Stevens, K Roberts & C Hale

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- In accordance with the Code on School Organisation (Sections 38 and 39 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013) the need to agree to the immediate publication of the Consultation report attached within the report considered by Cabinet and to give officers approval to publish the appropriate Statutory Notices to progress the proposals contained within the report.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- N/A

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- County Borough Councillor A Crimmings declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting when the item was discussed and voted upon “I am employed at Coleg y Cymoedd”
- County Borough Councillor E Hanagan declared a personal and non prejudicial interest “ I am on the Governing Bodies of Tonyrefail comprehensive School and Tonyrefail Primary School County Borough “

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. **28th May 2015** 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)

19.05.15
(Dated)