



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.**

***Agenda Item 2***

**SUBJECT:**

Reorganising Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Provision in the Rhondda Valleys and Tonyrefail.

**Cabinet Members Present  
County Borough Councillors:**

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

**Other County Borough Councillor(s) in Attendance:-**  
M.Powell

## **1. DECISION MADE:**

### **Agreed –**

- To note that the Minister for Education & Skills, Huw Lewis AM, has decided that the proposals to reorganise school provision in the Rhondda and Tonyrefail areas do not require the approval of Welsh Ministers, with the exception of the proposal affecting Ferndale Community School
- To note the position in respect of the Judicial Review application received, relating to the Cabinet Decision on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, in respect of these school proposals.
- That following consideration of the outcomes of the consultation, the relevant Impact Assessment, Statutory Notice Objections report and further information collated by officers during the consultation and in light of the Minister's decision outlined within the report to implement the proposal as outlined below
  - Close Porth County Community School, Llwynceilyn Infants School, Porth Infants School and Porth Junior School and create a new 3-16 Middle school on site of the current Porth County Community School; Increase the capacity of YGG Llwynceilyn by approximately 100 places, by utilising the site of Llwynceilyn Infants School.
  - Close Tonypandy Community College, Penygraig Infants School, Penygraig Junior School, Tonypandy Primary School and Ysgol Yr Eos and create a new 3-16 Middle School on the site of the current Tonypandy Community College; Relocate the Primary pupil referral provision at the Tai Centre, Penygraig to the site of the existing Ysgol Yr Eos.
  - Close Tonyrefail Comprehensive School and Tonyrefail Primary School and create a new 3 -19 Middle School on the site of the existing Tonyrefail Comprehensive School, relocate YGG Tonyrefail to the site of the existing Tonyrefail Primary School.
  - Transfer the Learning Support class at Ysgol yr Eos and the three Learning Support Classes at Porth County Community School to the new 3-16 school at Porth.
  - Transfer the Learning Support Class at Tonyrefail Comprehensive School to the new 3-19 school at Tonyrefail.

**N.B** With the permission of the Chairman, County Borough Councillor M.Powell and K. Roberts, M.Hitchings and Mrs. Hale spoke on this item.

## **2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

- The need to advise Members of the decision made by the Welsh Ministers in respect of the statutory proposals to reorganise school provision in the Rhondda and Tonyrefail areas of Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- Following consideration of the response from the Minister and the statutory objections received to provide a decision on the proposals.

**3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

- Undertaking of a consultation process in line with Welsh Government School Organisation Code.
- Cabinet Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015; 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 and 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014.

**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 but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption set out in paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Code of Conduct “
- County Borough Councillor K Montague declared a personal and non prejudicial interest “ I am on the Governing Body of Ferndale Community School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption set out in paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Code of Conduct “
- County Borough Councillor R Bevan declared a personal and non prejudicial interest “ I am on the Governing Bodies of Pontygwaith and Tylorstown Primary Schools but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption set out in paragraph 12(2)(a)(iii) of the Code of Conduct “

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> **October 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)

**24.09.15**  
(Dated)