



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 21 March, 2019

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis and
Councillor C Leyshon

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor S Belzak
Councillor J Bonetto
Councillor J Brencher
Councillor G Davies
Councillor M Diamond
Councillor H Fychan
Councillor D Grehan
Councillor L Hooper
Councillor P Jarman
Councillor S Pickering
Councillor M Powell
Councillor L Walker

Agenda Item : 2

**SUBJECT: 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - PROPOSALS TO
REORGANISE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND SIXTH FORM
PROVISION IN THE GREATER PONTYPRIDD AREA**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the information contained within the Consultation Report, which includes details of items of correspondence received during the consultation exercise and notes of the various meetings held.
2. To consider the contents of the attached Consultation report and note its publication and distribution to the relevant stakeholders as required by the Welsh Government School Organisation Code.
3. That following consideration of the outcomes of the consultation, including the Equalities Impact Assessment, Community Impact Assessment and Welsh Language Impact Assessment, to progress the proposals to the next stage of the review process by:
 - i. Agreeing to publish the Consultation Report: AND
 - ii. Issuing appropriate Statutory Notices after the Consultation Report is published.
4. To amend the proposals in relation to catchment changes such that there will be no change to the catchment area of Bryncelynnog Comprehensive School.

N.B With the agreement of the Chairman, the following County Borough Councillors and Members of the Public spoke on this item:

County Borough Councillors: S Belzak, L Hooper, H Fychan, M Powell, S Pickering, J Brencher & L Walker.

Members of the Public: Mrs E Haf, Ms L Chinnock-Davies, Ms L Williams, Ms C King, Mr E Mead, Ms J Warner, Ms S Churchill , Ms K Bury & Mr J Beynon.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to advise Members of the consultation responses received in respect of the proposals.

The need to progress the proposal in accordance with the process outlined in Welsh Government legislative guidance (the School Organisation Code).

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The Council's Corporate Plan commits to "Continue to invest in improving school buildings, to ensure the County Borough's pupils have a learning environment fit for the 21st Century." The proposals considered in the report contribute to all 7 well-being goals within the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

As outlined within the consultation document appended to the report, a consultation was undertaken with all relevant stakeholders and interested parties between the period of the 15th October 2018 and 31st January 2019.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

Cabinet – [3rd October, 2018.](#)
Children & Young People – [December 2018.](#)

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

County Borough Councillor M Webber declared the following personal interests in respect of the matter –

- " I am on the Governing Body of Heol Y Celyn Primary School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct."
- "My Grandchildren attend a school referenced within the proposals"

County Borough Councillor A Crimmings declared the following personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the item and left the meeting when the item was discussed and voted upon "I am employed by Coleg y Cymoedd"

County Borough Councillor J Rosser declared the following personal interest in respect of the matter - " I was appointed at the Council's 22nd AGM (17th May, 2017) to the Board of Governors – Coleg Morganwg (now Coleg y Cymoedd) for a 4 year term but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct".

County Borough Councillor S Pickering declared the following personal interest in respect of the matter – "I am on the Governing Body of Hawthorn High School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct"

County Borough Councillor S Belzak declared the following personal interest in respect of the matter - " I am on the Governing Body of YGG Pontsionnorton & Cilfynydd Primary but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct."

County Borough Councillor M Powell declared the following personal interest in respect of the matter - "I am on the Governing Body of Hawthorn High School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct"

County Borough Councillor L Hooper - declared the following personal interest in respect of the matter - "I am on the Governing Body of Gwauncelyn Primary School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct"

County Borough Councillor J Brencher - declared the following personal interest in respect of the matter - "I am on the Governing Body of Maesycoed and Coedylan Primary School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct"

County Borough Councillor J Bonetto declared the following personal interest in respect of the matter - "I am on the Governing Body of Hawthorn High School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct"

County Borough Councillor H Fychan declared the following personal interest in respect of the matter - "I am on the Governing Body of YG Evan James and Coedylan School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct"

County Borough Councillor L Walker declared the following personal interest in respect of the matter – "My grandchildren attend a school referenced within the proposals".

Mr C Bradshaw " I was appointed at the Council's 22nd AGM (17th May, 2017) to the Board of Governors – Coleg Morganwg (now Coleg y Cymoedd) for a 4 year term"

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

N/A

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Yes

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **27 March 2019** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-
Reason: N/A

II. URGENT DECISION:-
Reason N/A

8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - 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:

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

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APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓