



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 31st July, 2014

Agenda Item 2

SUBJECT:

The Introduction of the Education (Penalty Notice)(Wales) Regulations 2013 and the Use of Fixed Penalty Notices for Non School Attendance

Cabinet Members Present County Borough Councillors:

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

Apologies for Absence County Borough Councillors:

P.Cannon and G.Hopkins

Other Members in Attendance County Borough Councillors:

S.Bradwick, W.J.David, (Mrs.)A.Davies, P.Jarman, (Mrs.)C.Leyshon,
S.Rees-Owen, G.Stacey, L.Walker and C.J.Williams.

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

- To note the contents of the report.
- To approve the changes that have been made to the Code of Conduct following the responses received during the period of consultation.
- To implement the Code of Conduct, including the reasons for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for non-attendance at school from September, 2014 across Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- To implement a consistent application of un-authorising requests for holidays in term time across all RCT schools, with the exceptions as stated in the consultation process.
- That a further progress report be presented to the Cabinet within the next six months.

Note: With the permission of the Chairman, County Borough Councillors S.Rees-Owen and P.Jarman spoke on this item and both expressed concern in respect of the proposal that RCT introduce a zero tolerance approach, where all holiday requests during term time would be unauthorised (unless categorised as one of the exceptional circumstances).

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- The need to inform Members on how Rhondda Cynon Taf will introduce The Education (Penalty Notice) (Wales) Regulations 2013 which will assist in contributing to further improvements in school attendance.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- Report to Cabinet – 8th April, 2014.
- Report to Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee – 11th June, 2014.
- Details of Consultation Responses outlined in paragraph 4 of the report.

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

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, 13th August, 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)

4th August, 2014

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(Dated)