



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

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RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 2nd October, 2014

Agenda Item 4

SUBJECT:

Consultation on the Reorganisation of Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Provision in the Rhondda Valleys and Tonyrefail

Cabinet Members Present County Borough Councillors:

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

Apologies for Absence County Borough Councillors:

R.Bevan and G.Hopkins

Other Members in Attendance County Borough Councillors:

C.Davies, P.Griffiths, P.Jarman, (Mrs.)S.Jones, (Mrs.)S.Pickering,
M.J.Powell, B.Stephens, M.Weaver and E.Webster

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed – To note the information contained in the report and that formal approval be given to commence consultation on the proposals to:-

- Close the sixth forms of Ferndale Community School, Porth County Community School and Tonypandy Community College and transfer the sixth form provision to Treorchy Comprehensive School and a new 3-19 school in Tonyrefail.
- Close Porth County Community School, Llwynceilyn Infants' School, Porth Infants's School, and Porth Junior School and create a new 3-16 middle school on the site of the current Porth County Community School.
- Increase the capacity of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llwynceilyn by approximately 100 places, utilising the site of the existing Llwynceilyn Infants' School.
- Close Tonypandy Community College, Penygraig Infants' School, Penygraig Junior School, Tonypandy Primary School and Ysgo Yr Eos Primary School and create a new 3-16 middle school on the site of the current Tonypandy Community College. Relocate the specialist primary pupil referral provision at the Tai Centre, Penygraig to the site of the existing Ysgol Yr Eos Primary School.
- 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 Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail to the site of the current Tonyrefail Primary School.
- Change the catchment areas of Treorchy Comprehensive School and Ferndale Community School, and set new catchment areas for the new middle schools for Porth, Tonypandy and Tonyrefail.
- 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, to create a specialist provision for the four key stages.
- Transfer the Learning Support Class at Tonyrefail Comprehensive School to the new 3-19 school for Tonyrefail.

Note: With the permission of the Chairman, the following individuals gave their comments on this matter and gave their various reasons for concern to the proposals:

Members of the Public - Ms.T.Gibbey, Ms.K.Roberts and Ms.J.Stephens.
County Borough Councillors – P.Jarman and M.Powell

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- The need for Cabinet to give approval for Officers to commence the consultation processes necessary to achieve the proposals as outlined in the report.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- As outlined in paragraph 4 of the report.

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- County Borough Councillor A.Crimmings declared a prejudicial interest in this matter – “I am employed at Coleg y Cymoedd”. Councillor Crimmings left the meeting when the matter was discussed and voted upon.
- County Borough Councillor (Mrs.)E.Hanagan declared a personal interest in this matter – “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 interest in this matter – “I am on the governing body of Ferndale Comprehensive School 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. **Tuesday, 14th October, 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:

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)



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(Proper Officer)

6th October, 2014

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(Dated)